

Selectboard Regular Meeting Agenda November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM Casco Community Center

Regular Meeting

- 1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda
- 2. Approval of bills and signing and approval of all open warrants
- 3. Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2024
- 4. Public Participation for non-Agenda items
- 5. Manager's Update

Old Business

- 6. The Selectboard will discuss potential contract zoning for Casco Public Library
- 7. The Selectboard will discuss updating the current fee structure.
- 8. The Selectboard will discuss the proposed strategic surveys options proposed by GPCOG and Poleco.
- **9.** The Selectboard will discuss a senior tax credit ordinance.

New Business

- **10.** The Selectboard will discuss the status of planning services with Maine Design Workshop.
- 11. The Selectboard will be discussing FY 25 Snow Plowing.
- 12. The Selectboard will discuss potential purchasing of land
- **13.** Selectboard Comments

Executive Session

14. Adjournment

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Future meeting dates (subject to change)

November 21 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

December 2, @ 6:00 PM Open Space Commission

December 3 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting

December 9 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting

December 12 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

December 17 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting



Town of Casco Selectboard Regular Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM Casco Community Center

Selectboard Members Present-

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

2. Executive Session to discuss Concealed Weapons Permits per Title 25, Part 5, Chapter 252, Section 2006 for applications 11/12/2024A & 11/12/2024B

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 11/12/2024A & 11/12/2024B

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

Regular Meeting

3. Review and approval of the meeting agenda

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the meeting agenda.

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

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

5. Approval of Minutes: October 15, 2024

The Selectboard moved and seconded to approve the minutes from October 15, 2024 as presented.

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

6. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

Sue Witonis- Voiced her disappointment regarding the lack of a ceremony for Veteran's Day.

Eileen Tidd- Concerned about private business signs attached to utility poles and sign poles. Also looking for more information regarding the potential purchase of 2.5 acres of land behind the town office as mentioned in the Town Manager's report from the Selectboard meeting on 10/1/24.

7. Manager's Update

A. Included in your packet are two (2) thank you letters from the Lake Stewards Program and Thompson Lake Environmental Association (TLEA) for donations received through the FY25 budgetary process. Not every organization sends a thank you letter, and we wanted to ensure that you were aware of letters that we receive related to Town donations.

- B. Moody's rating recently released that increased the Town's rating from Aa3 to Aa2. This increase reflects the Town's commitment to sound financial practices and limited long-term debt. Included in your packet are copies of Moody's press release and credit opinion.
- C. The November 5th election occurred without a hitch. I must recognize Town staff and community volunteers for their exceptional efforts. Penny Bean, Melissa Poree, Laurie Kidd, and Devin Langadas worked and excelled in the polling region for almost 18 hours. Mike Genest, Jason Wallingford, and Ethan Carras worked a similar period moving the required equipment and assisting in the parking of voters. Julie Koceika provided varied assistance during this period ranging from assisting the Public Works crew to assisting in the polling area. Their efforts along with the volunteers made our polling station the most efficient polling site in the area. While neighboring Towns were experiencing lengthy delays in the voting process, our staff expediated voters through the process with little or no delays.
- D. The preliminary research into a Parker Pond carry in boat launch identified possible challenges in the short term. This project would require the Town develop a Stormwater plan and design that must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). I am in the process of obtaining pricing quotes from an engineering firm for the costs associated with the development of a stormwater design and plan.
- E. The Transfer Station portion of the construction project has been completed. Included in your package are photographs of the upgraded Transfer Station. These upgrades include improved drainage to the facility, removal of obstructive vegetation, meeting Bureau of Labor safety requirements, improved traffic flow and leveling and

paving of the lot. Also included in your packet are photos of upgrades to Bulky Waste. The most visible improvements are the drastically improved water control and drainage throughout Bulky Waste. All retention pools have been cleaned, examined, and repaired if necessary. Additional drainage was added between the retention ponds and other drainage devices. These upgrades will meet all DEP requirements that we previously were substandard on design and plan.

Old Business

- 8. The Selectboard will discuss potential contract zoning for Casco Public Library Discussion only. No action was taken.
- The Selectboard will discuss a proposed strategic surveys options proposed by GPCOG

This item was tabled.

New Business

10. The Selectboard will discuss of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and the proposed Complete Streets Policy.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

11. The Selectboard will discuss the status of Thomas Pond Dam with the Thomas Pond Dam Association

Discussion only. No action was taken.

12. The Selectboard will discuss Bulky Waste Coupons at the Transfer Station Council request

Discussion only. No action was taken.

13. The Selectboard will consider January 28, 2025 as a date for a Special Town Meeting
The Selectboard moved and seconded to set January 28, 2025 as a date for a Special
Town Meeting

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

14. The Selectboard will discuss year to date financials.

Discussion only. No action was taken.

15. Selectboard Comments

Scott Avery -Reminded everyone not to burn. There have been at least 20 fires this weekend from here to Augusta. It is extremely dry.

Mary Fernandes -Thanked all for coming.

Bob MacDonald -Inquired as to the progress of the sand/salt shed and "Broadcast Center" at the meeting space.

Grant Plummer- Stated he would like to see us get on a better municipal schedule for maintenance. Examples that he gave were painting roads six months too late and some roads not getting mowed.

Gene Connolly- Thanked everyone who worked at the election on November 5th. Advised to be careful of leaves when they get wet on the roads as that makes it slippery.

16. Adjournment

The Selectboard moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:20pm.

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

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Future meeting dates (subject to change)

November 14 @ 6:00 PM Casco Naples Transfer Station Council

November 18 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting

November 19 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting

November 21 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

December 3 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting

December 9 @ 6:30 PM Planning Board Meeting

December 12 @ 6:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Meeting

December 17 @ 6:00 PM Selectboard Regular Meeting

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Manager's Memorandum November 19, 2024, Meeting

To: Selectboard

From: Tony Ward, Town Manager

Date: 11-18-2024

Re: Selectboard meeting 11-19-2024

Below are notes for agenda items for the November 19th meeting

5. Managers Update

- A. The Town Office will be closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas eve, Christmas day, and New Year's Day.
- B. GPCOG was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation for temporary traffic calming. This grant award will assist the communities of Casco, Gray and Sebago in their complete streets and vision zero plans. This grant will assist in building upon the work of the ad hoc Safe Street Committee. The details of the grant are included in the Selectboard package.
- C. The proposed Complete Streets policy has been distributed to staff for their review and perspective. I anticipate this being included in future Selectboard agendas for further discussion.
- D. The Town recently was notified that we received a grant Maine Emergency Management as part of the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program. This program provides education for Town staff related to cyber security, evaluates our multi-factor authenticator and provides us information on additional cybersecurity resources. The grant fact sheet is included in this package.
- E. Yesterday the town was notified that Natalie Burns is retiring from Jensen Baird. Natalie is retiring in December. Her current workload with the Town is being transferred to Ben McCall.

Old Business

6. The Selectboard will discuss potential contract zoning for Casco Public Library. Continued dialogue. No updates since 11/12/2024

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7. The Selectboard will discuss updating the current fee structure.

At your October 15th meeting, a proposal relating to fee changes was presented to the Selectboard. This document was substantial and included varying degrees of process to change. Staff and I are seeking guidance from the Selectboard on the manner they wish to proceed, i.e., identify fees that need ordinance modifications, identify "low hanging fruit," systematic implementation of proposed fees, etc.

8. The Selectboard will discuss the proposed strategic surveys options proposed by GPCOG.

Including in your packet is a variety of proposals from Greater Portland Council of Government for assistance in identifying priorities for Casco's strategic planning or capital improvement plans.

Included in your packet is an updated proposal from a Polco. Their modified proposal is drastically different than their previous proposal. This is a single-year proposal and does not include three years of the National Community Survey and its software platform. . Attached is their website for further review prior to reviewing their proposal.

https://info.polco.us/

9. The Selectboard will discuss a senior tax credit ordinance.

The Selectboard has received numerous documents relating to this potential senior tax credit ordinance. The discussion on this potential credit has proved challenging because of the quantity of information provided. I recommend creating a small working group of Town staff and Selectboard members to develop a proposal for the whole Selectboard to review in early 2025.

New Business

10. The Selectboard will discuss the status of planning services with Maine Design Workshop.

Discussion only.

11. The Selectboard will be discussing FY 25 Snow Plowing.

Included in your packet are the two (2) Town Plow routes for Casco Public Works. Last year was the first year that the Town plowed any of the roadways. Last year, the Town plowed the route highlighted in gray. This year, Town staff will plow 20.8 miles of roadway. Per the plowing contract with C Pond plowing, if the Town contract for the plowing of these 20.8 miles of roadway, the Town would pay an additional \$218,400 in FY25 and \$229,320 in FY26.

12. The Selectboard will discuss potential purchasing of land.

The Town has an opportunity to purchase 2.5 acres of land to the rear of the Town Office. This property is a portion of Tax Map 0037, lot 5A. The current owner is offering the property to the Town for the sum of \$180,000. The Town has the first right of purchase until the end of January 2025. The current owner understands this purchase must be approved at the Town Meeting and the sale would depend on this approval. Attached to this land to be discussed.

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Project Narrative: GPCOG Safe Streets Demonstration Projects for Rural Communities

Safety Impact (Selection Criteria #1)

43 fatalities occurred in the relevant jurisdiction between 2017 and 2021, with an Average Annual Fatality Rate of 22.82 per 100,000.1

Equity (Selection Criteria #2)

Roughly 5.4% of the jurisdiction's population resides in an Underserved Community Census Tract per the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool.²

Additional Safety Context (Selection Criteria #3)

The Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) will soon complete a Vision Zero Action Plan for 12 rural and island communities in its service area; this follows a separate Vision Zero initiative adopted by the region's urban communities. The rural-focused Plan identifies 24 critical safety corridors and 15 critical safety intersections based on four factors: high injury, high risk, community concern, and equity. GPCOG seeks funding to install and study three demonstration projects across three communities that participated in the rural Plan: Gray, Sebago, and Casco.

During public engagement activities for the ongoing Plan, residents expressed concern that their communities' roads are designed primarily for vehicle traffic rather than for the people living there. As one survey respondent shared, "it would be amazing to be able to park in Gray and walk from place to place to do errands, rather than drive 100 feet here and there from store to store because of the lack of sidewalks and the craziness of the intersections!"

Working with a consultant and drawing from the work of the ongoing Plan and other local studies, GPCOG will implement low-cost demonstration projects to test potential safety improvements in real-world conditions. These will include temporary traffic calming measures such as enhanced visibility crossings, speed humps, intersection bulb outs, and median refuge islands; installations will last approximately 4 months. Successes and lessons learned from each intervention will inform potential implementation across remaining rural GPCOG communities: the project team will study pre vs. post-installation crash data and also survey public opinion regarding the installations.

By focusing on practical, community-supported interventions, GPCOG will facilitate safer, more accessible streets in the three demonstration areas, with the goal of replicating successes across the entire region.

<u>Gray</u> (population 8,284): The proposed project will occur in Gray Village, where Routes 26, 202, and 115 converge. This main intersection, and each Route running through Gray Village, are identified in our Vision Zero plan as critical safety locations. This project will build upon several local initiatives, including the Town's existing <u>Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</u>, <u>Complete Streets Policy</u>, and the ongoing <u>Gray Village Transformation Project</u>. Anticipated demonstration

^{1,2} Please note that the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) is a regional planning organization representing 25 municipalities. The Vision Zero Action Plan which this grant initiative will inform only includes the 12 rural and island communities in GPCOG's membership. As such, the fatality rate and underserved community percentage were calculated based on those 12 communities' Census Tracts.

installations include gateway treatments, intersection bump outs, curb extensions, eliminating a slip lane, and crosswalk improvements within the central Village.

<u>Sebago</u> (population 2,003): The proposed project will address two critical safety intersections and one critical safety corridor in close proximity, allowing for an integrated approach. The key areas include the intersection of Routes 114 and 11 in East Sebago Village, the intersection of Route 107 and Long Hill Road at Mac's Corner, and the approximately 2-mile segment of Route 11 that connects these two intersections. This corridor links important parts of Sebago and presents an opportunity to implement cohesive safety enhancements that will benefit East Sebago Village and Mac's Corner. Anticipated demonstration installations include gateway treatments, intersection reconfiguration, traffic-calming elements, tightened turn radii, new crosswalks, protected sidewalks, center medians, and two-way to four-way stop conversion.

<u>Casco</u> (population 3,657): The proposed project focuses on three key safety areas in close proximity: the critical safety intersection at Routes 11 and 136 (Pike's Corner), the community-identified problematic intersection at Routes 11 and 85 (Webb's Mills), and the segment of Route 11 connecting these two intersections which is a critical safety corridor. This project will be informed by the Town's recent <u>Comprehensive Plan</u> and newly established <u>Vision Zero Ad Hoc Committee</u>. Anticipated demonstration installations include new crosswalks, curb extensions, lane delineators, and a two-way to four-way stop conversion.

Schedule

GPCOG anticipates a 24-month project timeline, aiming to collect baseline data, complete NEPA permitting, install, study and remove each demonstration project within a one year period. The project team will then analyze all information collected, complete a final report detailing all data and lessons learned, and update the Action Plan accordingly.

| Town | Planning & Permitting | Installation | De-installation | Project Completion |
|--------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Gray | January – May (2025) | Late May | Early November | December (2026) |
| Sebago | January – May (2025) | Late May | Early November | December (2026) |
| Casco | January – May (2025) | Late May | Early November | December (2026) |

Data and Additional Action Plan Development

Each demonstration project will be installed for approximately five months (June through October). Crash data from the period before demonstration project installation will be compared with crash data collected while they are installed and afterward. GPCOG will also collect direct resident feedback via community survey. Additional data collection methods *may* be utilized including intercept surveys and MioVision camera placements as team capacity and resources allow. Data and takeaways from the demonstration projects will be added to GPCOG's existing <u>Vision Zero website</u> as follow-up addendums to the rural Action Plan.

Cost (Additional Considered Selection Criteria)

The entire project cost as proposed is \$125,000. This includes \$100,000 in Safe Streets for All funding and \$25,000 in matching funds.

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State of Maine

State and Local **Cybersecurity Grant Program**

In 2022, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced a \$1 billion cybersecurity grant program for state, local, and territorial governments. The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) provides funding to eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments. The program allocates resources where they are needed most: at the local level.

The Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) collaboratively manage the program under the guidance of Maine's SLCGP Planning Committee. As the State Administrative Agency (SAA), MEMA is responsible for applying for this grant on the state's behalf.

The State of Maine will provide SLCGP-funded shared services for the first year of this four-year grant program. The program includes:



Security **Awareness** Training

Providing centrally managed security awareness training for end users (employees) in qualifying entities



Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Providing MFA services to qualifying entities to implement on their networks



Cybersecurity Resources

Increasing practitioners' awareness and implementation of federally offered free and fee-based cybersecurity resources







Who is eligible?

States and territories are the only eligible entities for the SLCGP, and local and tribal governments are eligible sub-recipients.

Maine's local governments (counties, municipalities, schools) are candidates.

How to access the program

Eligible local governments will be contacted directly with next steps. Subsequent stakeholder outreach and webinars will be held in 2024.

Timing

Through four distinct Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO), SLCGP and TCGP combined will distribute \$1 billion through their multi-year performance periods to support projects nationwide.



Please email slcybersecurity.grant@maine.gov with specific program questions.

Federal: https://www.cisa.gov/state-and-local-cybersecurity-grant-program

State: https://www.maine.gov/mema/grants/state-and-local-cybersecurity-grant-program

Contract Zone Points

Dimensional and Performance Standards

Minimum Lot Size 5,000 sq ft
Maximum Lot Coverage 0%
Minimum Setbacks 0'
Minimum Frontage 0'
Landscaped Buffers 0'
No curb cuts required

Utilities and Parking

Town shall continue to provide to the Library, and shall maintain in good working order:

- Potable Running water
- Wastewater disposal/treatment, currently provided via discharge pipes to a septic tank and a leach field
- Electrical access over Town land
- Shared parking for up to 30 parking spaces
- Access to existing storm drains and connecting piping
 - At SW corner of existing building
 - Between the Library and Route 121
 - Town will provide location information on the above, and financial support in replacing them.
- Library shall continue to provide the electricity for pumping (Town Meeting Room?) wastewater to the septic tank.

Use of Town property

- Library shall own the land underneath the pergola and the concrete pavers connecting it to the main entrance to the Library; and shall have maintenance responsibilities for them.
- Library shall maintain the existing plantings within 6' of its buildings, as well as the planting beds between the Library's main entrance and the town's parking lot
- Library may use the former Library property adjacent to the Village Green for events and programs without notice to the Town. (What is the current process for people to hold an event on the Village Green?)
- The Library may erect temporary structures (pop-up tents, awnings...) and set up tables, chairs, games and other similar items for any event or program in coordination with the Public Works Department.
- The Library may place seasonal items such as picnic tables, benches and StoryWalks in coordination with the PWD.
- Placement of planters and other similar structures
- Placement of playground equipment Town shall move any equipment too close to the Library building.

Access

• During construction, Town will allow reasonable access for construction vehicles in front and in back of the Library building.

- Library basement water infiltration we may need to excavate to the footings to fully remedy the problem coordinate with Town, maybe do it when sidewalks are replaced
- Library shall have clear access to a 5' strip of land around the perimeter of its buildings, except in case of emergency or upon written notification for any temporary obstruction

Maintenance

Town shall be responsible for maintaining all improvements on its own property, as well as any infrastructure (sidewalks, catch basins, piping etc.) that extends onto Library property.

Other

Town manager and the Library Director will be the primary points of contact for questions about the interpretation of this contract, unless either party has given written notification to the other party stating otherwise.

The Library's address shall be 5 Leach Hill RD

Deeds:

- Permanent access to property
- Swapping of deeds so that the Library owns the land within the contract zone, and the Town
 owns the land outside the contract zone. Footprint = building + roof overhang + exterior heat
 pumps + ???

| Town | Casco Current | Casco Proposed | Raymond | Naples | Poland |
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| Fees | | | | | |
| PHOTO COPIES | | | | | |
| B/W per page | \$0.50 | \$0.50 | \$0.50 | | |
| Color per page | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | · | | |
| | | | | | \$5.00 up to 35 pages, \$10.00 36 |
| Printed Doc per page | \$0.25 | \$0.25 | | | to 50 pages |
| Deeds | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | | | |
| Deeds | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | | | |
| FAXES | | | | | |
| Cover Sheets | | | | | |
| Incoming First Page | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | | | \$0.50 |
| Incoming Following Pages | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 per page | \$1.00 | |
| Outgoing First Page | \$3.00 | \$3.00 | \$2.50 per page | \$2.00 | \$5.00 |
| Outgoing Following Pages | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | | * | \$1.00 |
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| Maps | 0055 | April 17 | 0.450.55 | | 4 |
| Full Set of Large Tax Maps | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | \$150.00 | | \$500.00 |
| Full Set of Reduced Tax Maps | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | 41.55 | | \$60.00 |
| Individual Black & White Copies of Reduced Tax Maps | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | \$1.00 | | |
| Individual Color Copies of Reduced Tax Maps | \$4.00 | \$4.00 | | | |
| Large Zoning Maps (Requires Ordering; wait time) | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | M4 50 | | #0.00 · · |
| Large Map of Town 11" x 17" (Black & White) | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | \$1.50 | | \$2.00 ea |
| Large Map of Town 11" x 17" (Color) | \$15.00 \$2.00 | \$15.00 \$2.00 | | | |
| Street Map With Index | | | | | |
| Street Map With No Index | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | | | |
| Town | | Casco | Raymond | Naples | Poland |
| Books and Lists | | | | | |
| Commitment Book (Paper) | \$100.00 | \$500.00 | | | \$40.00 |
| Commitment Book (Disk) | \$50.00 | \$100.00 | | | \$20.00 |
| Map & Lot List - Names and Addresses by Alpha or Number (Paper) | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | | |
| Map & Lot List - Names and Addresses by Alpha or | # 50.00 | # 50.00 | | | |
| Number (Disk) Full Code of the Town of Casco (Available On-Line For No | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | | | |
| Fee) | \$80.00 | \$80.00 | | | \$25.00 |
| Zoning/Land Use Book (Available On-Line For No Fee) | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | | | \$20.00 |
| Sub-Division Ordinance (Available On-Line For No Fee) | | | | | |
| | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | | | 2222 |
| Comprehensive Plan | \$15.00 | \$15.00 | | | \$20.00 |
| GENERAL | | | | | |
| Credit card fee | | 4% | | | |
| Returned Checks (Per Occurance) | \$35.00 | \$35.00 | \$35.00 | \$20.00 | \$25.00 |
| Notary Services | ψ35.00 | φοσ.σσ | ψοσ.σσ | Ψ20.00 | \$4.00 |
| Per Notary Signature - Resident | | Free | | | Ψ4.00 |
| Per Notary Signature - Non-resident | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | \$2.50 | | |
| Victualer's License | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | Ψ2.00 | | |
| DBA Filing | \$10.00 | \$10.00 | | | |
| Credit Card Charge Fee | · -: | | | | |
| VITAL RECORDS | Set by State Law | Set by State Law | | | |
| Town | | Casco | Raymond | Naples | Poland |
| Freedom of Access ACT (Municipal | | | | | |
| Public Records) | | | | | |
| 1st two hour Of Staff Time | | \$0.00 | | | Free |
| Additional Staff Time | \$15.00 / hr | 25.00 /hr | | | \$15.00 / hr |
| If Cost Estimate More Than \$100.00 (50% Due prior to | · | | | | |
| commencement) | | | | | χ 14 |

| Registered Voters List (Names and | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Address) | Set by State | | | |
| Hard Copy | | | | \$55.00 |
| Disk /CD | | | | \$20.00 |
| Concealed Weapon Permit | Set by State | | | \$20.00 |
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| Liquor Licenses | \$60.00 | | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |
| Application | \$50.00 | \$10 | | |
| Advertising with Public Hearing Application | \$100.00 | \$100 | | |
| Temporary Liquor License Application (catering) | \$50.00 | \$10 | | \$15.00 |
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| Marijuana Facilities Annual license | | | | |
| Adult Use Marijuana Store new license | \$10,000.00 | | | |
| Adult Use Marijuana Store renewal license | \$2,500.00 | | | |
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| Marijuana Cultivation Facility – Tier 1 (Up to | | | | |
| 500 square feet plant canopy) | \$1,000.00 | | | |
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| Marijuana Cultivation Facility – Tier 2 (500- | | | | |
| 2,000 square feet plant canopy) | \$2,500.00 | | | |
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| Marijuana Cultivation Facility – Tier 3 (2,000- | | | | |
| 7,000 square feet plant canopy) | \$5,000.00 | | | |
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| Marijuana Cultivation Facility – Tier 4 (7,000- | | | | |
| 20,000 square feet plant canopy) | \$7,500.00 | | | |
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| Marijuana Manufacturing Facility | \$2,500.00 | | | |
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| Marijuana Manufacturing – High Hazard | | | | |
| (manual or chemical) | \$5,000.00 | | | |
| (mandar or chemicar) | ψ3,000.00 | | | |
| Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver– | | | | |
| cultivation conducted on site | \$300.00 | | | |
| Cultivation Conducted on Site | ψ300:00 | | | |
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| Medical Marijuana Caregiver (Home | | | | |
| Occupation) – cultivation not conducted on site | # 400.00 | | | |
| , | \$100.00 | | | |
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| Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Store | \$5,000.00 | | | |
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| Medical Marijuana Dispensary per location | \$5,000.00 | | | |
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| Marijuana Testing Facility | \$3,500.00 | | | |
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| Permits/Businesses | | | | \$10.00 |
| | | \$50 | | |
| Food services (restaurants, catering, etc). | | 2.5% through Time Warner | | |
| Victualer License - Food Only (no Liquor) | \$100.00 | \$10 | | |
| Victualer License - With onsite consumption of | φ100.00 | | | |
| | \$250.00 | \$50 | | |
| beer & wine | \$250.00 | 050 1 . 04 | | |
| Victualer License - With onsite consumption of | * 400.00 | \$50 plus \$1 per person plus legal | | |
| liquor November 1 Constitution | \$400.00 | advertisement | | 047.00 |
| Victualer License - Nonprofit Organization | \$1.00 | \$50 plus legal advertisement | | \$15.00 |
| Off-Premises Catering License | \$10 per day | | | |
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| | | \$500 | | |
| | | \$250 | | |
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| Town | Casco | Raymond | Naples | Poland |
| STREET/MOBILE VENDOR LICENSE | 100.00 | | , | \$500.00/yr |
| | 100.00 | + | No Fee – One Time Event | 15 |
| Mass Gathering | \$50.00/ event | | THE COURT TIME EVENT | \$50.00 / event |
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| Custodial Fee (determined by Rec Dir) | \$50.00/Occ | \$50.00/Occ | | | |
| Non-Residents | \$300.00per event/day | \$300.00per event/day | | | |
| Residents | \$200.00per event/day | \$20.00per event/day | | | |
| Non-profits | \$10.00 /hr \$100 Max | \$10.00 /hr \$100 Max | | | |
| Gym (Athletic Events Only) | | | | | |
| Non-Residents | \$40.00/hr \$200.00 Max | \$40.00/hr \$200.00 Max | | | |
| Residents | \$20.00/hr \$100.00 Max | \$20.00/hr \$100.00 Max | | | |
| Non-profits | \$10.00 /hr \$100 Max | \$10.00 /hr \$100 Max | | | |
| Kitchen | | | | | |
| For profit use | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | \$50.00/hr \$500.00 max | | | \$50.00 / hr min 2 hrs |
| Non-Residents | \$40.00/hr \$200.00 Max | \$40.00/hr \$200.00 Max | | | \$40.00/hr min 2 hrs |
| Residents | \$20.00/hr \$100.00 Max | \$20.00/hr \$100.00 Max | | | \$25.00/hr min 2 hrs |
| Non-profits | \$10.00/hr \$100 Max | \$10.00/hr \$100 Max | | | |
| Meeting Rooms/Craft and Game Room | | | | | \$25.00 |
| Refundable Cleaning Depsoit | | | | | \$75.00 |
| Non refundable Depsoit | | | | | \$50.00/ use |
| Key Deposit | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | | \$15.00 |
| Community Center | | | | | |
| Less than 100 Feet From Highway | | \$500.00 | | | \$300.00 |
| Greater Than 100 Feet From Highway | | \$250.00 | | | \$75.00 |
| Auto Graveyard, Junkyard, Storage Lot | | | | | |
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| Mass Gathering License Violation Penalties | | \$500.00 | | | \$500.00 / day min \$2500/ day max |

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| Animal Control Related | | | • | | 2 2 2 |
| Dog Licensing Fees | | | | | |
| In Person | | | | | |
| Spayed/Neutered Dogs | \$6.00 per dog/yr | \$6.00 per dog/yr | | | |
| Dog NOT spayed/neutered | \$11.00 per dog/yr | \$11.00 per dog/yr | | | |
| Online | | | | | |
| Spayed/Neutered Dogs | \$7.00 per dog/yr | \$5.00 per dog/yr | | | |
| Dog NOT spayed/neutered | \$12.00 per dog/yr | \$10.00 per dog/yr | | | |
| Board for Animals Picked up by ACO | | | \$25.00 per day | | |
| Impound Fees | | | | | |
| First Offense | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | \$50 | | |
| Second Offense | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$75 | | |
| Third Offense | \$125.00 | \$150.00 | \$100 | | |
| Each additional Offense | \$125.00 | \$200.00 | | | |
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| Commercial Construction New Construction - (Per Square Foot) | \$0.35 | \$0.35 | \$0.50 | \$0.40 | \$20.00 + \$10.00 / 1K |
| Abutter Notification | | | ψυ.υυ | φυ.+υ | |
| | \$0.50 | \$0.50 | | | \$0.75 |
| Alterations: \$0.00 to \$500.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | | | |
| \$501.00 o \$1,000.00 | \$70.00 | \$70.00 | | \$65.00 | |
| \$1,001.00 to \$5,000 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | | \$85.00 | |
| \$5,001.00 to \$10,000.00 | \$150.00 | \$150.00 | | \$125.00 | |
| \$10,001.00 And Over | \$150 + \$5.00 /1K | \$150 + \$5.00 /1K | | \$125.00 + \$10.00/\$1k | |
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| Solar Field | | | | | |
| Up to 110,00 sqft | | \$.40/sqft | | \$40.00 /sqft | |
| 110,000 sqft and above | | \$.40/sqft up to 110,000 then \$.10 /sqft | | \$.40 up to 110,000 then \$.10/sqft | |
| Towers: | | | | | |
| First 100 Feet | \$100.00 | \$500.00 | | | |
| Next 50 Feet | \$250.00 | \$250.00 | | \$.30/sqft | |
| Last 30 Feet | \$500.00 | \$100.00 | | | |
| Residential Construction | | | | | |
| New Construction - Finished (Per Square Foot) | \$0.30 | \$0.30 | \$0.40 | | |
| New Constuction - Unfinished (Per Square Foot) | \$0.20 | \$0.20 | \$0.30 | \$40.00 | |
| Abutter Notification | \$0.50 | \$0.50 | | \$50.00 | |
| Alterations: | φυ.30 | \$0.50 | | \$60.00 | |
| \$0.00 to \$500.00 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | | \$60.00 + 5.00 /1K | |
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| \$1,001.00 to \$5,000 | \$60.00 | \$350.00 | | \$25.00 | \$5.00 / 1K |
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| \$10,001.00 And Over (Plus Additional \$4.00 For Each \$1,000.00 | | ФБ00.00 : | | | |
| Over\$10,000.00) | \$100.00 | \$500.00 + | | | |
| Occupancy Permit | ¢2F.00 | \$150.00 | | | |
| Chimneys Demolition | \$25.00 \$25.00 | \$150.00 \$100.00 | | | |
| Signs | \$25.00 | \$100.00 | | | |
| Swimming Pools | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | | \$25.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| Plumbing State of Maine Fees | | State Set for | | | |
| State of Maine Fees Town Administration Fees | \$50.00 | State Set fee | | \$25.00 | \$60.00 |
| Town Administration Fees Internal plumbing | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | | \$25.00 \$10.00 per fixture | \$60.00 \$15.00 per fixture |
| Internal plumbing | | | | \$10.00 per fixture | \$15.00 per fixture |
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| Town | | Casco | Raymond | Naples | Poland ₁₇ |
| Permanent Underground Service | | | \$40.00 | | |
| Non-Engineered | | | | | |

| Complete System | \$300.00 | | \$265.00 | \$250.00 |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Leach field Only | \$175.00 | | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Treatment Tank Only | \$175.00 | | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Holding Tank | \$125.00 | | | \$100.00 |
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| Engineered | | | | |
| Complete System | \$225.00 | | | \$200.00 |
| Leach field Only | \$175.00 | | | \$150.00 |
| Treatment Tank Only | \$100.00 | | | \$80.00 |
| Holding Tank | , | | | N/A |
| | | | | |
| Primitive System | \$150.00 | | | \$100.00 |
| Separate Grey Disposal Field | \$150.00 | | | \$35.00 |
| Seasonal Conversion | \$75.00 | | | \$50.00 |
| Variance (additional) | \$50.00 | | | \$20.00 |
| Alternative Toilet | \$75.00 | | | \$50.00 |
| DEP-Subsurface Wastewater Requirement | \$50.00 | | | \$15.00 |
| Other Components (Complete Pump Station, Piping, | | | | |
| Other) | \$50.00 | | | \$30.00 |
| | | | | |
| New Construction, Renovations, Additions (cost | | | \$25.00 | |
| per square foot) | | \$0.05 | \$25.00 | |
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| HVAC Permit | \$100.00 | \$20.00 for first \$1K, +\$5.00 /\$1K | | |
| Electrical Upgrade | | | | |
| Residential | | | | |
| | | | | 0.50 |
| Application | | | | \$35.00 |
| Service Entrance – Temporary Service Entrance – Permanent Overhead | | | | \$25.00 \$27.00 |
| | | | | \$40.00 |
| Service Entrance – Underground New Construction, Renovation, Additions per Sq. ft. | | | | \$0.05 |
| · · · · · · | | | | \$0.05 |
| Miscellaneous Equipment: Transformers, Pumps, | | | | |
| Generators, Split Systems, Subpanels, Pools, Solar Powered Systems, Signs, Alarm Systems, Other | | | | \$35.00 / per |
| rowered Systems, Signs, Alarm Systems, Other | | | | |

| Town Commercial Application | | | | | |
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| | | Casco | Raymond | Naples | Poland |
| Application | | | | | |
| | | | | | \$50.00 |
| Service Entrance – Temporary | | | | | \$40.00 |
| Service Entrance – Permanent Overhead | | | | | \$45.00 |
| Service Entrance – Underground | | | | | \$65.00 |
| New Construction, Renovation, Additions per Sq. ft. | | | | | \$0.10 |
| Miscellaneous Equipment: Transformers, Pumps, | | | | | |
| Generators Solit Systems Subpanels Pools Solar | | | | | \$50.00 / per |
| Generators, Split Systems, Subpanels, Pools, Solar Powered Systems, Signs, Alarm Systems, Other | | | | | ******* |
| | | | | 405.00 | |
| | | | | \$25.00 | |
| Shore Land Zone | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | | |
| Tree Permit | | \$75.00 | | \$25.00 | |
| Accessory Structure | | \$75.00 | | | |
| Wells – Residential in SLZ | | \$75.00 | | | \$25.00 |
| Docks | | \$25.00 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Minimum Permit Fee | | \$25.00 | | | |
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| Mooring Fee | \$10.00 /yr | \$20.00 /yr | | | |
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| Campsite (personal) | | \$0.00 | \$50.00/yr | | |
| Campsite (rental to public) | | \$50.00 | | | |
| Campgrounds | | \$50.00 + \$5.00 per site | \$75.00/yr | | |
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| Change of Use | | 050.00 | 050.00 | \$50.00 | |
| With Reno | | \$50.00 | \$50.00 | 4 | |
| Without RENO | | \$.50 per Sqft or min \$50.00 | \$.50 per Sqft or min \$50.00 | \$25.00 | |
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| Docks Initial installation | | \$50.00 | · | .25 / sqft | |
| | | | | , , | |
| Road Opening | | \$75.00 plus \$1.50 per sqft | \$75.00 plus \$1.50 per sqft | | \$100.00 |
| | | | | | * |
| Road Name Change | | \$75.00 | \$75.00 | \$25.00 | |
| | | | | | |
| Re-inspection Fee | | \$100.00 per visit | \$100.00 per visit | | |
| After the Fact Permit | | 2X standard Fee | | | |
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| Planning Board and Zoning Board of | | | | | |
| Appeals | | | | | |
| Commercial Initial permit | | | | \$100.00 | |
| Commercial Annual Permit | | | | \$50.00 | |
| Aquatic Structure (non-commercial) | | | | \$50.00 | |
| Preliminary Subdivision Plan | | | | | |
| , | | | | | |
| Immediate Family Subdivision | - | \$100.00 | | | |
| , | - | | | | |
| Residential Subdivision Review | | \$500.00 + \$500.00 per proposed lot | | \$500.00 + \$500.00 per proposed lot | |
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| Commercial Subdivision Review | | \$750.00 + \$750.00 per proposed lot | | \$750.00 + \$750.00 per proposed lot | |
| | | \$75.00 | | \$75.00 | |
| Sketch Plan Review | | | | | |
| Sketch Plan Review | | \$1,000.00 | | \$1,000.00 | |
| Planner Escrow (Minor Application) ³ | | \$2,000.00 | | \$2,000.00 | |
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| Planner Escrow (Minor Application) ³ | | \$2,000.00 | | | |
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| Planner Escrow (Minor Application) ³ | | \$250.00 | \$100.00 | \$400 | 19 |

| Escrow Desposit** | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Over 10,000 Feet Of Gross Floor Area | \$500+ \$25.00 / 1K | \$250 | \$400+ \$25.00 / 1K | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$2,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | | |
| Staff Review | \$150.00 | \$75.00 | | |
| Staff Review Escrow | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 | | |
| Modification of an approved Plan | \$150.00 | | \$100.00 | |
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| DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT BUILDINGS | \$250.00 | | \$400 | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$1,000.00 | | | |
| | | | | |
| Contract Zone | \$1000.00 + \$750.00 per proposed lot | | | |
| Impact Assessment staff review | \$25.00/ hr | | | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$2,000.00 | | | |
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| AMENDMENT TO APPROVED | | ye.iu | 1100,000 | |
| SUBDIVISION | \$500.00 | | | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$1,000.00 | | | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$1,000.00 | | | |
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| REQUEST TO CHANGE ZONE CLASSIFICATION | \$250.00 | | | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$500.00 | | | |
| Escrow Desposit | ψοσο.σσ | | | |
| REMOVE PROPERTY FROM ACQUIFER | Town Waiver Application Fee | | | |
| Staff Review | \$25.00 /hr | | | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$500.00 | | | |
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| Appeals (fee returned if appeal | | | | |
| approved) | | \$100 | | |
| Commercial | <u>\$750.00</u> | \$235 | | |
| Residential | \$200.00 | | | |
| Escrow Desposit** | \$500.00 | \$500 | | |
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| Cemetery Prices | | | | |
| Resident - 1 plot (includes perpetual care) | | \$400 | | |
| Non-Resident - 1 plot (includes perpetual care) | | \$1,000 | | |
| Violating any provisions of the Cemetery Ordinance. | | Not less than \$100 and not more than | | |
| Each day a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate offense. | | \$2,500, plus attorney fees & costs | | |
| | | | | |
| Disposition of Human Remains | \$20.00 | | | \$20.00 |

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| Fire Department | | | | | |
| Fire Report Request | | | \$25 | | |
| Patient's Treatment Record | | \$5 for 1 st page & \$.45 for each additional, not to exceed \$250 | | | |
| Inspection of New Construction | | | | | |
| Less than 10,000 square feet or 100,000 cubic feet | | | \$70 | | |
| More than 10,000 square feet or 100,000 cubic feet | | | \$90 | | |
| Inspection of Existing Construction | | | | | |
| Less than 10,000 square feet or 100,000 cubic feet | | | \$40 | | |
| More than 10,000 square feet or 100,000 cubic feet | | | \$60 | | |
| Inspection of Additions/Alterations | | | | | |
| Less than 10,000 square feet (regardless of existing | | | | | |
| size) | | | \$20 | | |
| More than 10,000 square feet or 100,000 cubic feet | | | Required to use the fee schedule for new construction more than 10,000 square feet | | |
| Review of Subdivisions | | | \$60 | | |
| | | | | | |
| Review of Each House in Subdivision after Completion | | | \$15 | | |
| Inspection of Public Shows/Events | | | \$10 | | |
| Annual/bi-annual Inspections of Campgrounds, Schools, Summer Camps, Liquor Licenses | | | Free | | |
| Bi-annual Inspection of Businesses, Churches, Town Buildings | | | Free | | |
| Re-inspection for Violations | | | \$10 per inspection | | |
| Motor Vehicle Accident Billing (FEMA rates per | | | | | |
| nour) | | **** | **** | | |
| Engine | \$200 | \$200 | \$350 | | \$135.00 |
| Ariel Truck | * | **** | \$500 | | |
| Ambulance | \$125 | \$125 | \$200 | | \$100.00 |
| Squad (Rescue) | \$250 | \$250 | \$400 | | \$200.00 |
| anker | \$125 | \$125 | \$200 | | \$120.00 |
| Service Truck / Command Vehicle | \$175 | \$175 | \$100 | | \$110.00 |
| Firefighter | \$35 | \$35 | | | \$35.00 / hr |
| EMT | \$35 | \$35 | | | \$35.00/ hr |
| oam | \$750 | \$750 | | | \$85.00 / bucket |
| Mutual Aid Paramedic Intercept | \$250 | \$250 | \$300 | \$275 | \$100.00 |

From: <u>Tony Plante</u>

To: Anthony Ward; Emmy Ham

Subject: RE: Proposal

Date: Monday, October 28, 2024 2:37:30 PM

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Tony,

To follow up on our meeting of October 1 about a community engagement effort for Casco's capital improvement planning work, we have developed four alternatives. These alternatives are listed below by level of effort and intensity, as well as cost. We would want to work with the town to further customize a scope of work so we deliver the kind of process the town wants, combining or modifying pieces as needed, but these should give you a rough idea:

Alternative 1: Online Community Survey and Informational Campaign

- **Objective:** Reach a broad audience by using digital tools to gather input from residents.
- Activities:
 - Launch an online survey with detailed descriptions of each project, accompanied by a town website section with visuals, cost estimates, and potential impacts.
 - Promote the survey through social media, email newsletters, and local press.
 - Include a public comment section where residents can leave additional feedback on projects or suggest alternatives.
- Outcome: Analyze qualitative and quantitative data to inform a prioritized list of capital improvements.
- Estimate of Probable Cost: \$4,000-\$5,000

Alternative 2: Community Forums with Facilitated Discussions

- **Objective:** Engage residents through open, structured forums where town officials present details on each capital improvement option.
- Activities: Hold 3-4 town hall meetings at different times/days to maximize participation.
 - Each meeting begins with a brief presentation on the capital projects.
 - Facilitators guide either one large or multiple small group discussions on each project's merits, and attendees rank them in order of priority.
- Outcome: A report that summarizes community preferences and prioritization.
- Estimate of Probable Cost: \$7,000-\$8,000

Alternative 3: Community Survey with Community Forums

- **Objective:** Blend quantitative survey results with qualitative, in-person feedback through hands-on workshops.
- Activities:
 - Conduct an initial online or mailed survey to gauge overall sentiment on the town's capital improvement needs.
 - Follow up with two workshops where residents can discuss improvement projects using visual aids (e.g., before and after images of proposed facilities). Use a "dotvoting" system for attendees to indicate their preferences on-site.
- Outcome: Data-driven prioritization with visual engagement and workshop input.
- Estimate of Probably Cost: \$10,000-\$12,000

Alternative 4: Citizen Advisory Committee

- **Objective:** Establish a representative group of citizens to lead and shape the prioritization process.
- Activities: Create a diverse advisory committee representing key sectors (e.g., business

owners, senior citizens, parents, public servants, etc.).

- o Committee members host focus groups or community forums, gather input, and meet to develop prioritized recommendations.
- The committee would present its findings to the selectboard and/or host a final public meeting to get broader community endorsement.
- Outcome: A set of recommendations supported by focused community outreach.
- Estimate of Probable Cost: TBD, depending on the number of meetings, desired deliverables, etc.

Please let us know if you have questions or need anything more from us at this point. We're always happy to discuss ways we can help the town accomplish its goals.

Best,

Tony

Tony Plante (he/him/his)

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Executive Summary

Polco is a trusted leader in civic engagement and data-driven governance solutions, offering tools to help communities like the Town of Casco understand their residents better, make informed decisions, and improve public trust. Our platform provides robust data visualizations that give you a full picture of your community while centralizing and streamlining community input efforts. These visualizations are fed by hundreds of data points from both constituent input and a multitude of publicly-available sources. All this data is curated through advanced weighting, benchmarking and analytics. The visualizations and analytics are extensive and our Al-driven tool, Polly, lets you easily explore your community's data and garner insights on specific topics.

This proposal outlines how Polco will empower the Town of Casco to address its engagement challenges and enhance decision-making with the help of our **National Community Survey** (NCS), and **Prioritize** tools.

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Polco Overview

Our Story

Polco was founded in 2015 by former public servants who, after working at top tech companies (Google and Amazon), returned to the public sector with a mission to improve government performance through better civic engagement (crowdsourcing collective intelligence) and better use of civic input data, data in general, and analytics via artificial intelligence (AI).

In 2019 Polco acquired the National Research Center (NRC), the largest provider of standardized scientific local government surveys in the country who had amassed a local government performance data set of thousands of communities over 20 years. NRC's founders and key leaders are still with Polco doing advanced data science and survey science. Polco, now together with NRC, is working with more communities and growing faster than either was previously.

In 2021, Polco co-founded GPAL along with University of Wisconsin Madison and Stanford. GPAL is a government performance data and analytics consortium that brings together not only Polco and NRC historical survey data but also virtually every other public sector data relevant set into a cleaned, appended, monthly refreshed, cloud-based data warehouse. The breadth and depth of that data can make more confident predictions of community trajectories earlier, and, for the first time ever, begin to isolate the impacts of a variety of policies, programs, and other factors on government performance in order to answer seminal questions that have been elusive to the sector for decades, and in some cases centuries. This data is made available to jurisdictions through Polco's Track.

In 2022 Polco acquired **Balancing Act**, the developer of simulation based engagement technology. Beyond traditional surveys and polls, Balancing Act simulations present constituents the actual tradeoffs their governments face when developing balanced budgets, housing plans, carbon plans, and more. BA also uses budget data to provide taxpayers their taxpayer receipts.

In 2023, Polco began development of Polly, a secure LLM-agnostic multi-agent RAG AI infrastructure to accelerate the breadth, depth, speed, and ease with which Polco could deliver data, analytics, reports, and other critical government workflow elements to public employees.

Polco's mission remains the same: bring communities together around their most important issues through informative transparent engaging communications, use that and other data together in concert to help leaders make great data informed decisions, and thereby demonstrate great outcomes, accountable governance, build trust, re-energize civic agency, and improve constituent quality of life. The Polco team feels extremely fortunate to have made good progress on this mission, but also feels there's a lot of work ahead left to do. The team is honored to do it.













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Polco's Credibility and Reach

Polco's engagement tools have been widely adopted by communities across the United States, including partnerships with **ICMA**, **NLC**. We have successfully supported hundreds of communities in their public engagement efforts. Our case studies demonstrate the impact Polco has had on cities both large and small.





- How Elk Grove Improves Services With a Data-Driven Mindset
 Elk Grove places high value on data-driven decision-making. With that mindset, the City launched a Performance Indicator Program, supported by Track, to collect data points across departments that paint a picture of Elk Grove's operations and how they impact the community.
- How Cape Coral's Incentive Program Helped Boost It's Local Economy: Cape Coral,
 FL—By using Polco's National Community Survey Cape Coral identified their Economy as the most important priority. By launching the Cape Competes Grant and Incentive program, NCS results showed an economic health increase of 14% between 2019-2021.
- How Scottsdale City Council Collaborates using Community Survey Data: Collaboration between city councilmembers creates better ideas, a more efficient system, and an improved plan for the city's future. But driving cooperation and consensus within any group can be difficult. Scottsdale, Arizona's City Council uses resident survey data from The National Community Survey (The NCS) to guide their conversations and bring their differing perspectives together behind common goals and priorities for their city.
- How Hanford, California Collaborated with Residents to Revitalize Downtown
 The City of Hanford, California, used Prioritize so residents could help choose and rank
 different restaurants and stores. Prioritize is an online simulation tool by Balancing Act
 from Polco that allows residents to allocate a one-time or fixed budget among different
 projects and rank their choices by priority. Hanford's two Prioritize simulations were for
 "Food and Services" and "Clothing and Accessories." The City received nearly 5,000
 combined submissions from both tools.

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Our Team

A veteran led GovTech company, Polco provides advanced engagement and analytics solutions that unite governments and constituents for stronger, better trusted communities. Our industry-leading surveys, government performance data, analytics, and interactive simulations engage residents and provide government leaders with clear insights that inform, help prioritize decisions, and build trust in their communities. Our team has deep roots in data science, public opinion research and Al. We create analytics, dashboards, models of community livability and metrics for government performance. Below are a few of the people key to our organization and our engagement with you.



Nick Mastronardi, PhD, CEO: Nick has over 20 years of experience in AI, starting as a research physicist developing classification algorithms for missile guidance systems in the Air Force. He later joined Amazon, where he worked on key business initiatives, including internal budgeting and prioritization, and built AI-based automatic repricing algorithms for 17,000 strategic products. Additionally, Nick served as a Senior Economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisors at the White House, contributing his expertise in economic policy and analysis.



Brandon Barnett (Senior Survey Associate) Brandon has managed dozens of customer-facing projects. He regularly consults with Cities and Counties to implement assessment to understand the needs of their communities, employees and other stakeholders. He has created custom surveys, led benchmark projects and was the project manager for Virginia's state-wide implementation of the Community Assessment Survey of Older Adults. He enjoys working closely with clients to understand their data needs and give them the tools to ensure they can make data-driven decisions. Internally, he works with colleagues across teams to bring the voice of customers to product development..



Grace Arneson (Senior Survey Associate) Grace has assisted dozens of Cities and Counties in meeting their research needs. She is an expert in implementing our benchmark surveys to help our clients assess needs, get input for strategic decision making, and measure/track performance. She takes pride in working with clients to amplify the voice of the resident in the policy lifecycle and help connect government leaders with their community members. Grace's skill is such that she is also relied on to coordinate training for her colleagues to ensure quality and to develop onboarding processes to optimize client outcomes.

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Customer Proposal

Solution Details:

Polco's Engagement Suite: Polco will implement its **NCS**, and **Prioritize** tools to enable the Town of Casco to collect resident feedback, analyze sentiment, and track performance on key livability indicators.

Your unique solution includes:

- <u>The NCS</u>: The National Community Survey is a comprehensive, scientifically validated survey capturing the Town of Casco's residents' opinions on various aspects of the Town's services, safety, and overall livability.
- Prioritize Simulation: Prioritize enables governments to gather and analyze resident feedback by allowing them to rank and prioritize community projects or initiatives, ensuring that decision-making aligns with public preferences. Prioritize brings a unique dual approach that allows users to make selections and then rank order them. The resulting data provides deeper insight to support decision-making within a fixed budget or one-time expense such as stimulus funds. With a user-friendly design, a Prioritize simulation can be created in an hour or less.

Why Polco is the Best Fit:

Our long-standing partnerships with national organizations and our experience working with cities similar to the Town of Casco guarantee results. Polco's tools ensure that the Town of Casco can increase resident participation, use reliable data for planning, and boost public trust through transparent communication.

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Three Options:

• **Contract Term**: 12 months with an optional renewal.

Option 1:

- Cost: \$14,500 for access to the following components of Polco's platform:
 - Unlimited use of Prioritize Simulation
 - One-time Concierge setup service for first Prioritize Simulation
 - The National Community Survey (Digital-only)
 - Outreach will be solely led by the Town of Casco.

Option 2:

- Cost: \$22,500 for access to the following components of Polco's platform:
 - Unlimited use of Prioritize Simulation
 - One-time Concierge setup service for first Prioritize Simulation
 - The National Community Survey (Led by Polco team)
 - Postcard-Postcard Outreach (1,000 household sample size)

Option 3:

- **Cost**: \$27,500 for access to the following components of Polco's platform:
 - Unlimited use of Prioritize Simulation
 - One-time Concierge setup service for first Prioritize Simulation
 - The National Community Survey (Led by Polco team)
 - Half Page of Custom Questions
 - Custom Benchmarks
 - Postcard-Postcard Outreach (1,000 household sample size)

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The dataset has been spot-checked for accuracy; it

may, however, still retain inaccuracies as reported

Maine. It is not intended for navigational use.

by the source centerline data.

and Ponds

Wetlands

NHD Rivers

and Streams

Bridges and Culverts

Fire Station

Baseball Field

School

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