

MINUTES  
Casco Board Of Selectmen  
September 22, 2009

Members Present:

Barbara York, Susan Witonis, Carroll Morton and Paul Edes

Members Absent:

Calvin Nutting

Guests Present:

Bev White, Wayne Ward, Gilbert Avery, Patricia Troy, Lisa Williams Ackley,  
Irene Morton and Holly Hancock

The Board of Selectmen approved bills and signed warrants.

The minutes for September 8 and September 15, 2009 will be on the next Board of Selectmen's agenda.

**Old Business**

- Crescent Lake Watershed Association:

Town Manager David Morton reviewed the information from Crescent Lake Watershed Association (CLWA) that had been requested by the Board of Selectmen before releasing the funds allocated at Town Meeting to CLWA. Town Manager Morton referenced a memo that he had sent to the Board on this item.

**The Board of Selectmen moved (York), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to approve the request for the \$1,000 allocated at Town Meeting for the Crescent Lake Watershed Association.**

- Paving:

Town Manager David Morton reviewed information on the revised paving plan as discussed at the Selectmen's meeting last week. Town Manager Morton suggested that until we know what the actual tonnage is after the paving is done that the Board choose either Leach Hill Road or Quaker Ridge Road for an extension of the planned paving. Calvin Nutting said we should extend the paving on Quaker Ridge Road as it gets more traffic. Paul Edes thought we should extend the paving on Leach Hill Road. There was discussion and debate on which road would get the extended paving.

**The Board of Selectmen moved (Witonis), seconded (C. Morton) and unanimously voted to extend the paving on Quaker Ridge Road.**

Paul Edes asked how the ditching was on Leach Hill Road. Town Manager David Morton said that the ditching was in fairly good shape.

- Update on the Community Center project:

Town Manager David Morton said that the project is moving along. The plumbing and electrical are being placed and the contractor put in extra conduit on his own volition. Next week the radiant tubing is being put down. The gym will still have a forced hot air system. Outward appearances have not changed but there has been a lot of work going on.

Wayne Ward said he understands that the state came down when the construction debris was being removed as some of the waste had been diverted to a pit in Naples. Town Manager Morton responded that the contractor has removed what went to the Naples site. The town would have been liable for the material not being disposed of properly, however the contractor stepped up and took care of it immediately. Carroll Morton asked if it was illegal to take it to the Naples site. Town Manager Morton said it would have been illegal due to the content of the material.

Gil Avery brought up that the 4x6 that runs the whole length of the building, under the blue tarp where the tanks are going to be, does not look very good and perhaps should be replaced. If it is not replaced now, at some point, it will have to be replaced. Town Manager Morton will take a look at it tomorrow. Town Manager Morton said that the contractor has been very meticulous about everything else. Barbara York asked if the big white tank was the holding tank for the sprinkler system. Town Manager Morton said it is the holding tank and that it will be installed under cover to prevent deterioration from exposure.

**New Business:**

- Disposition of property at 569 Poland Spring Road:

Town Manager David Morton advised the Board of Selectmen that the property at 569 Poland Spring Road (Dorothy Harrison property) had been acquired for taxes. It does not appear that the state has placed any liens on the property. Town Manager Morton does not think that the property has a lot of value and noted that there have been water damage and drainage problems there.

There are several options available to the Board:

1. Retain the property.
2. Sell the property. If the property were sold the town would need to have it written that whoever bought it would not use the house.
3. The Fire Department would like to use the house for the winter to practice fire fighting.

The family has been given opportunities to claim the property and they said they do not want it. The family was also given the opportunity to take anything from the building that they wanted to have.

Town Manager Morton stated that we need to decide on a course of action regarding the building. Barbara York asked if we need to fix the back wall of the building if it is going to be used for training. Town Manager Morton said he would check with the Fire Chief to see if that was necessary. Morton is concerned about kids getting into the building.

**The Board of Selectmen moved (Witonis), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to allow the Fire Department to use the building at 569 Poland Spring Road for training.**

Carroll Morton asked what would be done about traffic on Route 11 while this is happening. Town Manager David Morton said that is a good point. People come up onto that property pretty rapidly. Morton thinks the Fire Chief has also planned some other training skills that the Fire Department will be doing for this training, i.e. traffic control.

Paul Edes asked who was going to take care of the debris that is left. Town Manager Morton indicated the town would have to take care of the debris and that we need to check for hazardous materials in the building. The town will also be doing a second title search on the property.

Carroll Morton said when it comes winter and the roads are not good you can't be fooling around with traffic on the knoll by the property. Town Manager David Morton agreed. Holly Hancock said that conditions have to be right for training. There will be signage placed down the road from the property. Town Manager Morton said the Fire Department will be doing a lot of preplanning for this burn. There was more discussion on the planning and that the Board of Selectmen want to be kept informed.

Barbara York asked about the house in Cooks Mills and could we do the same thing there. Town Manager David Morton said the owner is still occupying part of the building at this time. It has not gotten to the point that the Board should condemn the building. The Code Enforcement Officer would have to make a recommendation to condemn the building.

Carroll Morton suggested that the Board look at a house in East Raymond. It looked pretty bad and then someone fixed it.

Gil Avery said that there could be electrical hazards and that there is a cellar in the place that would have to be considered.

- Mass Gathering Permit Application:

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed an application by Raymond and Millie Dingley for a Mass Gathering Permit for snowmobile grass drags. Town Manager Morton noted that Mr. Dingley had managed prior events at this site very well.

**The Board of Selectmen moved (York), seconded (C. Morton) and unanimously voted to approve the application for a Mass Gathering Permit by Raymond and Millie Dingley for snowmobile grass drags.**

Town Manager Morton qualified that we have not yet received the insurance certificate and that we will not receive the certificate until approximately two to three days prior to the event. We have done this before and it has worked fine.

### **Public Participation And Comment**

- Patricia Troy wondered when she would be receiving her fiscal 2008-2009 Town Report. Lucille Griffin responded that the reports to be included in the Town Report were still coming in and that there was not a 2008-2009 auditors report available at this time. There was further discussion on this item.

- Barbara York said that at some point the Open Space Commission would be attending a Selectmen's meeting and that could be a long meeting. Town Manager Morton noted that the Board would not be meeting for the next two weeks.

### **Other Business**

- Town Manager David Morton noted that he would be sending a thank you to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for the roadside pick up done by the prisoners. They did a great job. CCSO is trying to get around to all the towns in Cumberland County.

- Carroll Morton said that, regarding winter sand, some signs should put out by the road entrance to the sand/salt building that say, "Casco Residents Only".

- Town Manager David Morton said the Town of Casco received a small grant for signs and signage. The Maine Department of Transportation has given us some technical assistance on putting the signs out. They have provided some signs and posts for this project on Leach Hill Road and Tenney Hill Road. This is not stimulus money; it is a grant for our roads.

- Paul Edes asked Emergency Management Director Irene Morton if she and the county are all set for the flu season and if we have a plan in place. Ms. Morton said that we have a plan in place.

Town Manager David Morton noted that the Rescue Department is providing flu shots for their members and the Town Office is looking into inoculations for the Town Office staff. Morton noted that older people are not going to receive the N1H1 shots as they have some immunity to this flu. The Town Office already has signs made up that ask people not to come into the Town Office if they are sick. We have masks and hand sanitizer available. Morton said he hopes that people do not find the signs offensive. Paul Edes noted that he has been seeing signs posted listing differences in the symptoms of colds, flu and allergies. Town Manager Morton said we are all concerned and cautious.

**There being no further business to come before this meeting, the Board of Selectmen moved (Witonis), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**

ATTEST:

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Lucille D. Griffin, Deputy Town Clerk