

MINUTES
Casco Selectboard
February 8, 2011

Members Present:

Barbara York, Paul Edes, Mary Fernandes, Carroll Morton and ray Grant

Staff Present:

David Morton and Lucille

Attorney Present:

Natalie Burns

Guests Present:

Wayne Ward, Peg Dilley, Irene Morton, Susan Witonis, Gil Avery, Mark Jackson, Tom Mulkern, SAD #61 School Board Director Donna Norton, SAD #61 School Board Director Laurie Mondville, Holly Hancock, Owens McCullough and Bev White

There was a Selectboard workshop session from 6:30 p.m. to 7:40 p.m. The Selectboard adjourned from their workshop at 7:40 p.m. and then opened their regular meeting.

The Selectboard approved bills and signed warrants.

The minutes for January 4, 2011 will be reviewed on the February 15, 2011 agenda.

Old Business:

- **Action By The Selectboard Following Workshop Session:**
- Memorial School:

The Selectboard moved (York), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to go out to a design-build Request for Proposal for either new construction or remodeling of the Memorial School. The vote was 3-2-0; York, Edes and Fernandes in favor; Grant and C. Morton opposed.

There was discussion on this item by the Selectboard and comments from the audience.

Town Manager David Morton reviewed the proposal by Sebago Technics to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP).

Barbara York said that she thought the town should go with Sebago Technics as they had done the work so far. York asked about the funds that were available for the Memorial School.

Ray Grant said he thought that requests to develop an RFP should go out to bid.

The Selectboard moved (Grant), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to put requests for professional services to develop a Request For Proposals for a design-build for either new construction or remodeling of the Memorial School. The vote was 3-2-0; Grant, C. Morton and Fernandes voted to approve; York and Edes opposed.

- Wild Animal Policy:

The Selectboard discussed forming a committee to look into a policy regarding the handling of wild animals. At this time, the committee members will include Margaret Dilley, Ray Grant, Carroll Morton and Susan Fielder.

New Business:

- SAD #61 Update:

- Donna Norton, SAD #61 School Board Director, updated the Selectboard on the upcoming school budget and expressed her concerns regarding that budget. Ms. Norton said that there is a 6.03% increase in the budget this year. Ms. Norton said the School Board would be discussing the PCB problem at the high school at their meeting on Thursday. There ensued discussion and a question and answer period.

Mary Fernandes asked Ms. Norton if she would come and give the Board an update at every meeting. Donna Norton and Laurie Mondville will alternate attending the Board meetings and give an update.

Town Manager Morton noted that SAD #61 Superintendent Patrick Phillips will be attending a Selectboard meeting sometime in March 2011.

- Review Of Survey Work On The Point Sebago/Riggs Road Intersection:

- Owens McCullough, from Sebago Technics, gave a presentation regarding the Point Sebago Road/Riggs Road intersection survey and the options for reconstruction of the intersection.

The Board of Selectmen moved (Edes), seconded (York) and unanimously voted to move forward with the Point Sebago/Riggs Road project.

- Community Center Kitchen Project:

Attorney Natalie Burns updated the Board on the kitchen project regarding the contractor and the performance bond. Attorney Burns said that some of the issues regarding the contractor should be reviewed by the District Attorney.

Ray Grant said that he would like the town to pursue every action that is possible. Town Manager Morton clarified with Grant that he meant criminal charges and he (Grant) responded yes.

Barbara York said that she feels we should pursue criminal charges.

Town Manager Morton said he would like to get the project finished. Town Manager Morton reviewed information on the available funds and what a bid process to finish up the project would include.

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (York) and unanimously voted to go ahead with the Community Center Kitchen Project and authorized Town Manager David Morton to talk with the District Attorney.

The Selectboard then moved (York), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to pay General Carriage and Supply their outstanding amount due.

Public Participation And Comment:

- Holly Hancock, Casco Fire and Rescue, spoke with the Selectboard regarding the use of a microwave system instead of phone lines for our dispatch services. Hancock said that we have been having trouble with the phone lines and the backup radio system. Hancock gave information on the cost for hardware for the microwave connection. Hancock said that they need the Board's approval to accept the grant for the microwave system.

The Selectboard moved (York), seconded (Edes) and unanimously voted to accept the grant of \$4,381.00 for the microwave communication system.

Other Business:

- Town Manager Morton said that he had talked with Kevin Hancock regarding the funds raised by the Friends of the Casco Community Center and Hancock said that the \$80,000 that was pledged would be given to the town by the end of this year.

Town Manager Morton said that Hancock said that he would be able to offer the same deal to the town for the Memorial School as he had with the Community Center with building supplies at his cost.

- Barbara York went over the meetings that were coming up on the school budget.

- Town Manger Morton said he has a list of personal property taxes that he would like to ask the Selectboard to consider abating. The total would be \$3,475.52 and personal property has not been on this account since 2006. This abatement request was made by Wayne Ward.

The Selectboard moved (York), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to write off Wayne Ward's person property taxes in the amount of \$3,475.52. The vote was 4-1-0; York, Fernandes, Grant and C. Morton voted to approve; Edes opposed.

- Mary Fernandes asked if we have a list of people who would like to serve on the Charter Committee to investigate a town charter. Fernandes said she would like to see the scope of that group and the committee rules.

Barbara York said she would like to have this item on the next Board agenda.

The next Selectboard meeting will be on February 15, 2011. After that we will be back on the regular meeting schedule.

- Carroll Morton said that the signs for the winter sand kiosk need to be installed. Town Manager Morton said that the signs had been installed. C. Morton said he did not see them when he was there recently.

- Ray Grant said the Board needs to discuss the Webbs Mills Dam regarding taking a board out of the dam before spring. Town Manger Morton said he would like to see one less board in the dam year round. This item will be on the next Board agenda.

- Ray Grant asked about the audit and if we had received it yet. Town Manager Morton said that we have not received the audit yet and he would look into it.

- Ray Grant asked about the propane prices that Town Manager Morton was looking into. Morton said he had looked into these prices and updated the Board on costs for propane.


- Ray Grant said that we need to do something about the Television Committee. Grant said we need to see if the present committee is interested and, if not, appoint some other people.

- Mary Fernandes said she would like to set a date for a workshop. Fernandes said she would like to have the Selectperson's duties, responsibilities and procedures on that workshop agenda.

- Ray Grant asked when the Board would be discussing the Finance Committee proposals and the information in the budget books.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, the Selectboard moved (York), seconded (Fernandes) and unanimously voted to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Lucille D. Griffin, Deputy Town Clerk