

## Town of Casco

### **Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Selectboard Meeting**

#### **Selectboard Members Present:**

Holly Hancock, Mary Fernandes, Grant Plummer, Calvin Nutting and Tom Peaslee

#### **Staff Present:**

Town Manager David Morton and Administrative Secretary Bob Tooker

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve the agenda for the January 10, 2017 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Approval of Warrants:**

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to approve bills and sign open warrants: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Approval of Minutes: (December 6, 2016)**

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Selectboard meeting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.**

#### **Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)**

- The Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond dam construction project is moving forward.
- The November winter sand and salt pile is nearly depleted and will be restocked.
- Small quantities of winter sand and salt are available to the public at the public kiosk.
- Parking is not allowed on public roads or in turning areas during winter storms.
- Drivers should be aware of snowmobile and cross country skier road crossing points.
- It is a violation of state law to snow blow, shovel or plow snow into or across public roads.
- Please call the Town Manager at 627-4515, ext. 201, if you have problems with plowing on your road.

#### **Committee and Staff Reports:**

None.

## **Public Participation:**

David Kimball commented on his dispute regarding ownership of a parcel of land at Casco Tax Map 39, Lot 1.

**Guest Speaker:** (Joseph Cuetera regarding bonding)

Joseph Cuetera of Moors & Cabot guided the Selectboard through borrowing options, particularly with respect to the effects of terms on the cost of borrowing.

**The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Nutting) and voted for a fifteen year borrowing option that is callable at ten years: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

## **Old Business:**

1. Discussions with representatives from P&K Sand and Gravel regarding personal property taxes.

Absent representatives from P&K Sand and Gravel, Town Manager David Morton stated that P&K Sand and Gravel had at one time owed the Town approximately \$103,000 in personal property taxes and interest and recently paid \$84,598.13, which was nearly equal to the principal amount of taxes owed. David stated that P&K Sand and Gravel made this payment with the hope that the Town would waive interest in the amount of \$17,031.08.

**The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Nutting) and voted to write off personal property interest charges in the amount of \$17,031.08 for P&K Sand and Gravel: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

The Selectboard agreed to discuss a plan for providing people with incentives to clean-up their past due personal property tax accounts at its January 24, 2017 meeting.

2. Decision regarding bonding options.

This agenda item was addressed earlier in the meeting.

3. Discussions regarding the Grange Hall building.

- a) Cost for structural repairs.
- b) Cost for lead remediation.

Noting that costs for structural repairs to the Grange Hall building had been discussed previously, David Morton stated that the Head Start Program engaged a firm to inspect the building for lead and that the draft report indicated that lead was discovered in exterior areas of the building. David stated that although he had not had time to obtain cost estimates for

remediation of the lead, options included covering or painting the affected areas. David stated that the Town has thirty days upon being officially notified of the lead to submit a remediation plan or cease using the building. The Selectboard agreed to wait for the final report and recommendations and to discuss the matter at its January 24, 2017 meeting.

#### **New Business:**

4. Procedures for approval of event liquor license applications for licensed catering services.

David Morton stated that the current practice is for the Selectboard to approve special event liquor license applications for licensed catering services and that state regulations allow for a municipal official to sign such applications.

**The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to authorize the Town Manager to approve special event liquor license applications for licensed catering services: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

5. Review of a rescue service billing write off.

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to write off charges in the amount of \$780.80 for ticket number 7160483B-1: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Selectboard Comments:**

- Calvin Nutting commented on the need to make sure that intersections are fully plowed and opened during snow storms.
- David Morton stated that an area near Central Station has been plowed and opened up for snowmobile parking.
- David Morton stated that the Code Enforcement Officer will be discussing the Grange Hall building, a lot deeded to the Town, ongoing challenges and a new process for junkyard permitting at the January 24, 2017 Selectboard meeting.
- Calvin Nutting commented on the need for the Code Enforcement Officer to address junkyard problems on Route 302.
- David Morton stated that a joint meeting with the Planning Board is proposed for February 21, 2017 to discuss a proposed amendment to the Settler's Village Contract Zone.
- David Morton commented on the progress of the Town Ordinance codification project.

**The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to adjourn: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker  
Administrative Secretary