

Town of Casco

Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Town Manager David Morton, Code Enforcement Officer Alex Sirois and Administrative Secretary Bob Tooker

Approval of Agenda:

Holly Hancock amended the agenda to add signing of the warrant for the Crooked River School referendum as agenda item seven and renumber subsequent agenda items accordingly.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the agenda for the February 12, 2019 Selectboard meeting as amended: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Warrants:

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve bills and sign open warrants: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Minutes: (January 22, 2019)

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

- The Selectboard Chair, Vice Chair and the Town Manager met with representatives from Loon Echo Land Trust to discuss possible changes to the flow of traffic on Hacker's Hill.
- The Town put up an additional 1,000 yards of winter sand and salt for the third time this season.

Committee and Staff Reports:

None.

Public Participation:

Lynne Fracassi requested additional time to pay property taxes for 24 Dahlia Lane. David Morton stated that Lynne was requesting an opportunity to redeem the property because it had been foreclosed on due to a mature tax lien.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the request to redeem property at 24 Dahlia Lane with back taxes to be paid within ninety days of February 12, 2019: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

New Business:

1. Review of a request for a consent agreement for a non-conforming structure.

David Morton stated that 1) the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's review of the matter was inconclusive; 2) the Town's attorney would be reluctant to take the matter to court due to the uncertain age of the structure; and 3) Scott Hebert, the applicant, provided photographs of the structure dating back to the 1950's. Grant Plummer called for a description of structure as it currently exists to be included in the consent agreement.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the consent agreement dated February 12, 2019 for a deck at 122 Acadia Road, Casco Tax Map 34, Lot 20, with a description of the current state of the structure to be included: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

2. Adjourn to hold a Special Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved, seconded and voted for the Selectboard meeting to adjourn for a Special Town Meeting and to readjourn following the Special Town Meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The Selectboard adjourned for a Special Town Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

The Selectboard readjourned following the Special Town Meeting at 7:11 p.m.

3. Discussion with School Superintendent Al Smith regarding the Crooked River School vote on March 19, 2019.

School Board Chair Janice Barter stated that 1) the proposed Crooked River School project is estimated to cost eight million dollars; 2) there would be no increase in debt service for the

school district or the taxpayers; 3) the project would not cause taxes to rise in the school district; and 4) the school district is requesting support for the project from the Casco Selectboard prior to the vote.

David Morton stated that the project represents a rare opportunity to renovate a school with no impact on taxpayers. Grant Plummer stated that the alternative to an eight million dollar renovation of Crooked River School is a thirteen to fifteen million dollar project to alleviate overcrowding at Songo Locks School that would cause significant disruption over the course of several school years.

It was moved, seconded and voted to support the Crooked River School Additions and Renovations project: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

4. Review of tax write-offs for closed businesses or illegally moved camper trailers or mobile homes.

It was moved, seconded and voted to write off personal property taxes for fiscal year 2018 and 2019 for account number 330, 39 Tenney Hill Road, in the amount of \$667.05: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to write off personal property taxes for fiscal year 2017 and 2018 for account number 268, 39 Bass Lane, in the amount of \$210.14: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to write off personal property taxes for fiscal year 2019 for account number 332, 69 Raymond Cape Road, in the amount of \$167.09: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to write off real estate taxes for Point Sebago Resort Cove Communities account number 3170, Casco Tax Map 001A, Lot 003L - 0357, in the amount of \$937.05: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to write off real estate taxes for Point Sebago Resort Cove Communities account number 4006, Casco Tax Map 001A, Lot 003L - 0835, in the amount of \$302.42.

5. Review of a renewal for an auto recycler permit.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the renewal of an auto recycler permit for Colonial Auto Body, Inc.: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

6. Review of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) account write offs or accounts to be sent to collections.

It was moved, seconded and voted to send the audit log dated 2/12/19 to collections: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Old Business:

7. Signing of warrant for the Crooked River School referendum.

The Selectboard signed the warrant for the Crooked River School referendum.

8. Discussions regarding the Town Manager search process.

Holly Hancock stated that the March 5, 2019 Selectboard meeting will immediately adjourn to executive session with David Barrett from the Maine Municipal Association to review applicants for the Town Manager position.

9. Selectboard comments.

- Holly Hancock stated that a representative from the Town's audit firm will review the Town's Audited Financial Statements at the February 26, 2019 Selectboard meeting.
- Holly Hancock stated that waivers regarding the October 31, 2019 deadline for private roads with the acknowledgement of a public easement to meet 1972 minimum road standards in order to continue receiving winter plowing services from the Town will be discussed at the March 12, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.
- Tom Peaslee commented on a dangerous curve on Point Sebago Road where people park near a boat launch. David Morton stated that guard rails at the curve are included in the Point Sebago Road construction project and that he would ensure that efforts are made to improve safety at the curve.

David Morton suggested that the Selectboard consider awarding the bid for the Point Sebago Road construction project. David stated that Peters Construction bid \$1,147,230.00 and R.N. Willey & Sons bid \$672,215.50. In response to an inquiry from Tom Peaslee, David stated that R.N. Willey & Sons' bid is within the \$700,000.00 cost estimate.

It was moved, seconded and voted to award the bid for the Point Sebago Road construction project to R.N. Willey & Sons: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Grant Plummer requested that a representative from R.N. Willey & Sons attend a Selectboard meeting to discuss their plans for the project, particularly with respect to handling Point Sebago Resort, Camp Sunshine and summer property traffic during the project.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker
Administrative Secretary