

Town of Casco

Minutes of the February 21, 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 (Peaslee), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to approve the agenda for the February 21, 2017 Selectboard meeting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Warrants:

The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to approve bills and sign open warrants: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Minutes: (February 8, 2017)

The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Selectboard meeting: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

- Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond dam.
- Winter sand and salt stockpile.
- Availability of winter sand and salt to the public.
- Parking prohibitions during winter storms.
- Caution regarding snowmobile and cross country skier crossings.
- Illegality of plowing, snow blowing or shoveling snow into or across a public way.
- Snow plowing priorities.
- Policy regarding evening meeting weather cancellations.
- Elmore Road tax acquired parcel valuations.
- Tenney Hill Reparation Fund projects.

Committee and Staff Reports:

A report on the Casco Library by Michelle Brenner was postponed.

Public Participation:

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

Guest Speaker: (Bruce Nadeau from RHR Smith & Company)

Bruce Nadeau reviewed RHR Smith & Company's draft audited financial statements for the Town of Casco to be made available to the public. The Selectboard agreed to invite Bruce back to review the financial statements in more detail than typically provided in an overview presentation. David Morton noted that bonding terms, the Grange Hall building and a contract deputy to patrol local roads will be significant June Town Meeting warrant articles.

The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to accept RHR Smith & Company's audit as presented: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

Grant Plummer abstained from voting because he joined the meeting after Bruce began his presentation.

The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to engage RHR Smith & Company for the next audit: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

1. Review of a request to write off Emergency Medical Services billing.

This agenda item was tabled pending more information from the billing company.

2. Review of a request to write off the balance of 2015 taxes subsequent to an abatement in valuation by the Tax Assessor.

The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to write off \$196.70 for the 2015 tax assessment of the property owned by John Ford: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

3. Selectboard comments.

- David Morton commented on efforts being made by the Head Start Program to vacate the Grange Hall building.
- David Morton commented on costs related to winter road maintenance.
- David Morton commented on the timing for posting seasonal heavy load road restrictions.
- David Morton commented on the scheduling of joint meetings with the Planning Board regarding the Settler's Village and P&K Sand and Gravel contract zones.

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

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker
Administrative Secretary