

Town of Casco

Minutes of the March 10, 2015 Selectboard Meeting

Members Present:

Grant Plummer, Mary Fernandes, Calvin Nutting and Tom Peaslee

Committee Members Present:

Sam Brown, Finance Committee, and Alice Darlington, Finance Committee

(Prior to the Selectboard meeting, an informal joint Selectboard and Finance Committee workshop was held.)

Staff Present:

Town Manager David Morton and Administrative Secretary Bob Tooker

Approval of Agenda:

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Nutting) and voted to approve the agenda for the March 10, 2015 meeting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Warrants:

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

Approval of Minutes: (February 24, 2015)

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Plummer) and voted to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 Selectboard meeting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

Roads are now posted for weight limits due to frost. Heavy loads will be restricted until the Road Commission determines roads are suitable. In the event of prolonged cold weather, heavy load permits may be available from the Town. The Town is investigating Readiness Innovative Training (IRT), a program run by military reserves for municipal construction projects including several in Casco, for construction of a new town office at greatly reduced labor costs. Finance

Committee meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. through March and April at the Central Fire Station. Please check the Town website after 3:00 p.m. on meeting days for possible cancellations. The Town is investigating a codification service to organize, simplify and maintain all Town ordinances.

Committee and Staff Reports:

- Lynne Potter, Chair of the Planning Board, updated the Board on the history and status of negotiations between the Town and Point Sebago Enterprises for an extension of the Point Sebago Contract Zone Agreement. The Board discussed steps, meetings and the timeline necessary to have a proposed extension agreement ready to present to voters at the June Town Meeting. Ray Grant, a member of the Planning Board, emphasized the importance of timeliness with respect to Point Sebago Enterprises' submission of documents.

Selectboard Comments:

- Calvin Nutting inquired about access to a recently installed electric car charging station on a rear wall of the Community Center. Grant Plummer explained that it was a temporary winter installation that will be relocated following a new layout of parking spaces. David Morton added that there are plans for a second charging station to be installed in the Cry of the Loon gift shop parking area, and possibly a third charging station at the Memorial School building site.
- Tom Peaslee inquired about the presence and availability of the Tax Assessor in the Town Office. David Morton explained that there has been little need, and that it can be adjusted as necessary.

Public Participation:

- David Kimball of Casco requested that the Board state its position on his tax concerns, and that his efforts to obtain a resolution have been difficult. Grant Plummer stated that for various reasons the Town is having difficulty understanding his concerns, and that his recommendation to David is to seek legal counsel to direct him through the process of getting his questions answered. Grant added that the Board of Assessment Review has no jurisdiction over land ownership, and that it is David's responsibility as a landowner to get the help he needs to resolve land ownership issues.
- Ray Grant inquired about funding for the electric car charging stations. David Morton explained that the Town approved \$4,000.00, and that the existing and second planned charging station will fall within budget. Ray also inquired as to whether the electricity provided was generating revenue for the Town. David explained that the Town cannot charge for electricity, but that other towns have generated revenue by installing parking meters or donation boxes at charging stations. David stated that the Town will likely

install donation boxes, which have a history of producing more revenue than the low cost of the electricity provided.

Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding Town Office options.

Grant Plummer stated that he and Tom Peaslee will be meeting soon to initiate the process and price the options. Grant asked the Board to establish the steps and timeline necessary to have a proposal ready for a June or later Town Meeting. David Morton added that the Town was assisting Ray Grant in his efforts to prepare and circulate a petition to include renovations to the current Town Office as an additional option for voters. Grant Plummer inquired as to whether such a petition would require the Board to price that option before it is presented at a Town Meeting. David explained that the petition would include a sketch of the plan with no specifications along with an “amount not to exceed” clause, and if the Town votes to include it as an option, it would then be the Board’s responsibility to determine whether or not it will work.

Grant Plummer emphasized his hope that the investigation and pricing of all options be completed for the June Town Meeting so as not to have to face such work after the June Town Meeting. Grant expressed the Board’s willingness to include renovations to the current Town Office as an option for voters and price it in same “apples to apples” manner as other options, and reiterated his preference that such work be completed before the June Town Meeting. Grant added that he would be interested in inviting Ray Grant into the process.

New Business:

2. Liquor license hearing for Point Sebago Resort.

David Morton explained that Point Sebago Enterprises’ two liquor license applications were for the Resort’s restaurant, golf course snack shop, and golf course mobile serving cart. In response to a question from Tom Peaslee, David clarified that the two licenses were limited to these specific facilities and did not apply to the broader Resort or summer “Brew Fest.” David stated that the liquor license hearing was duly advertised and there were no objections or previous problems.

The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Fernandes) and voted to approve the liquor license for Point Sebago Enterprises, Inc.: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Nutting) and voted to approve the liquor license for Point Sebago Enterprises, Inc.’s second location: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

There being no further business, the Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Plummer) and voted to adjourn: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

ATTEST:

Robert C. Tooker
Administrative Secretary