

## Town of Casco

### **Minutes of the March 21, 2017 Selectboard Meeting**

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

Holly Hancock, Grant Plummer 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 March 21, 2017 Selectboard meeting: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

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

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve bills and sign open warrants: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

#### **Approval of Minutes: (February 21, 2017)**

**The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Plummer) and voted to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 Selectboard meeting: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

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

- The Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond dam project is nearly complete.
- The Maine Department of Transportation will soon be removing an old bridge on Route 302.
- Heavy load road postings remain in effect.
- The Edwards Road and Johnson Hill Road projects will begin soon.

#### **Committee and Staff Reports: (Berry Park Committee)**

Sam Brown reported on the Berry Park Committee's short, medium and long term ideas for the park. The Selectboard authorized the Berry Park Committee to continue on an open ended basis until Town Meeting or the Selectboard determines that its work is complete.

### **Public Participation:**

David Pratt requested an opportunity to redeem a tax acquired property identified as Casco Tax Map 5, Map 22-A.

**The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Plummer) and voted to accept back taxes on Casco Tax Map 5, Lot 22-A: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

Ray Grant requested that a receptacle be installed at the transfer station for cans and bottles that would otherwise be discarded for the purpose of donating refundable deposits to the Snowmobile Club. The Selectboard supported Ray's request and advised him to seek approval from the Transfer Station Council.

Ray Grant inquired about recreational access to Crooked River where the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) is removing an old bridge on Route 302. David Morton stated that although MDOT is willing to work with the Town at the Town's expense, it has no plans for recreational access.

Ray Grant expressed that the Planning Board is in need of applicants to serve on the Planning Board.

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

### **Joint meeting with the Casco Planning Board to review the proposed Settlers Village Contract Zone amendments:**

Tom Smith, representing Settlers Village owners Brian and Beverly Chamberlain, Town Planner James Seymour, and Planning Board member Ray Grant explained the proposed amendments to the Settlers Village Contract Zone that 1) would allow individual structures to be sold as part of a private association of property owners; and 2) require Town Meeting adoption.

**The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Plummer) and voted to authorize the Planning Board to proceed with the proposed amendments to the Settlers Village Contract Zone: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

### **Old Business:**

1. Review of a request to write off EMS billing.

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve ticket number 07-16-05781 for the amount of \$1,250.40: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

2. Review and adoption of an amended and restated order authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds for the Town bonding process.

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve the amended and restated order authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

3. Review and adoption of a post issuance compliance policy regarding municipal bonds issued by the Town of Casco.

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve the post issuance compliance policy relating to bonds issued by the Town: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**New Business:**

4. Any action required by the Selectboard subsequent to the joint meeting with the Casco Planning Board to review the proposed Settlers Village Contract Zone amendments.

No further action was required by the Selectboard.

5. Review of an application for a liquor license for Migis Lodge.

**The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Plummer) and voted to approve the liquor license for Migis Lodge: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

6. Discussion regarding a workshop to review road projects.

The Selectboard agreed to schedule a workshop to review road projects and discuss roads in general at its April 11, 2017 meeting.

7. Committee appointments.

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to appoint Tom Mulkern to the Finance Committee: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

8. Review of an application for games of chance by Camp Sunshine to be held at Point Sebago Resort.

**The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve all games of chance for Camp Sunshine to be held at Point Sebago Resort: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

9. Selectboard Comments.

- David Morton commented on the need to notify people regarding amnesty on interest for delinquent personal property taxes brought up to date by the end of June, 2017.
- The Selectboard agreed to discuss finalizing the list of tax acquired properties for sale at its March 28, 2017 meeting.
- The Selectboard agreed that 40% of assessed value as a minimum opening bid for tax acquired properties is not always feasible due to costly clean-up and other conditions of sale.
- Grant Plummer requested clarification from the Code Enforcement Officer regarding distinctions between junky yards and junk yards subject to violations.
- Holly Hancock commented on several tax acquired properties for which additional time had been granted for clean-up, sale and redemption.

10. Review of requests for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity. (Requires executive session subject to Title 1 M.R.S.A., subsection 405, paragraph 6, part F., and pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. subsection 841(2).)

**The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Plummer) and voted to adjourn to executive session to review requests for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity subject to Title 1 M.R.S.A., subsection 405, paragraph 6, part F., and pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. subsection 841 (2): 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**The Selectboard entered into executive session at 7:46 p.m.**

**The Selectboard returned from executive session at 8:22 p.m.**

11. Any action required by the Selectboard subsequent to executive session.

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the request for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity for account 32117A in the amount of \$2,087.58 for fiscal year 2015: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to deny the request for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity for account 32117A for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 because the property is not in imminent threat of foreclosure: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the request for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity for account 32117B in the amount of \$1,090.82 for fiscal year 2015: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

**It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.: 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker  
Administrative Secretary