



Town of Casco
Selectboard Minutes
April 14, 2020

Selectboard Chair Tom Peaslee opened the meeting with the following announcement:

Due to the Governor's COVID-19 Stay at Home Directive, live public attendance will not be permitted at this meeting. The Selectboard will be participating via teleconference and the public will be able to view the meeting live on Lake Region Television and the LRTV website. The public may participate by calling in to the meeting via telephone by calling 627-1326 during the public participation and public hearing section of the agenda, by commenting on the related agenda posted on Facebook or by emailing manager@cascomaine.org prior to 5:30 PM on 4/14/20.

Selectboard Members Present:

Mary-Vienessa Fernandes, Holly Hancock (Vice Chair), Calvin Nutting, Tom Peaslee (Chair) and Grant Plummer

Staff Present:

Town Manager Courtney O'Donnell and Recording Secretary Robert Tooker

1. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda

It was moved (Fernandes) and seconded (Hancock) to approve the agenda for the April 14, 2020 Selectboard meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Fernandes – Aye
Hancock – Aye
Nutting – Aye
Plummer – Aye
Peaslee – Aye

2. Approval of Bills and Signing and Approval of All Open Warrants

It was moved (Hancock) and seconded (Fernandes) to approve bills and sign and approve all open warrants. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Fernandes – Aye
Hancock – Aye
Nutting – Aye
Plummer – Aye
Peaslee – Aye

3. Approval of Minutes (*April 7, 2020*)

It was moved (Fernandes) and seconded (Hancock) to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 Selectboard meeting. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Fernandes – Aye
Hancock – Aye
Nutting – Aye
Plummer – Aye
Peaslee – Aye

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Settlement Agreement: 46 Parsons Point Road, Map 49, Lot 18

Town Manager Courtney O'Donnell stated that 1) this is ongoing matter concerning trees within the Shore Land Zone abutting Thompson Lake; 2) the Town took enforcement action that was ultimately successful at the district court level; 3) this is agreement reaffirms that judgment and potentially buttons up the issue if the matter is settled; 4) the agreement calls for the replanting of trees and the reimbursement of the Town's attorney fees; and 5) the full settlement agreement is available on the home page of the Town's website.

a. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(E) – Consultation with Legal Counsel Over Pending Litigation (if necessary)

None.

b. Public Hearing

Selectboard Chair Tom Peaslee opened the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public via email.

There were no comments from the public via Facebook.

There were no comments from the public via telephone.

Seeing no comments from the public, Selectboard Chair Tom Peaslee closed the public hearing.

c. Possible Action by Selectboard

There was no further discussion by the Selectboard. Seeing no further discussion, Selectboard Chair Tom Peaslee called for a motion.

It was moved (Hancock) and seconded (Fernandes) that the Selectboard approve a settlement agreement between the Town and Darren J. Ryan and Carmella K. Ryan intended to settle land use enforcement litigation initiated by the Town concerning 46 Parsons Point Road, Map 49, Lot 18 provided that the replanting plan incorporated therein call for the planting of among other things four eastern red cedar trees. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Fernandes – Aye

Hancock – Aye

Nutting – Aye

Plummer – Nay

Peaslee – Aye

6. Selectboard Comments

- In response to an inquiry from Grant Plummer, Courtney O’Donnell stated that 1) there are some challenges at the bulky waste facility; 2) a decision was made to reopen the facility on

Tuesdays and Saturdays only; 3) people are asked to respect the red light and stop even though there is plastic over the attendant's window at the scale; and 4) the facility is currently only open to Casco, Naples and Otisfield residents. Courtney stated that 1) even though the facility is not currently collecting coupons and fees, people should not take that to mean that it is free for everyone; and 2) the Town is keeping track and will be sending out bills if necessary that can be paid with coupons or other forms of payment.

- In response to an inquiry from Mary Fernandes, Courtney O'Donnell stated that 1) she is in frequent contact with Transfer Station & Bulky Waste Facility Manager John Kimball; and 2) although facility staff have been given strict instructions to maintain their distance from all citizens within the facility and follow safety protocol, the facility does not have enough staff to enforce the social distancing directive among citizens using the facility.
- In response to an inquiry from Grant Plummer that was interrupted by technical difficulties, Courtney O'Donnell stated that plastic was placed over the attendant's window at the bulky waste facility because 1) there was no other way to maintain a safe distance; 2) many employees at the facility are considered high risk; 3) it is a safety measure that was put in place specifically for employees; and 4) it is the best solution available to balance the safety of employees with the need for people to access the facility. Courtney stated the use of plastic can be re-evaluated if current circumstances due to COVID -19 continue much longer.

7. Adjournment

It was moved (Fernandes) and seconded (Hancock) to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Fernandes – Aye

Hancock – Aye

Nutting – Aye

Peaslee – Aye

Plummer – Not present due to technical difficulties

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker

Recording Secretary