

Town of Casco

Minutes of the May 14, 2019 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:

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the agenda for the May 14, 2019 Selectboard meeting: 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: (April 23, 2019)

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

- As a reminder to all who live on private roads that receive plowing services, in order to continue to receive plowing services, roads need to be brought up to 1972 standards by September of this year. A representative from each road must contact the Town Manager to schedule a road inspection. Additionally, a requisite number of easements from property owners on each road must be provided to the Town.
- The School Administrative District (SAD) 61 budget confirmation vote will take place at the Casco Community Center on Tuesday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The vote will include an article to see if voters want to continue the process and expense of holding school budget confirmation votes.

- Town local elections will be held at the Casco Community Center on Tuesday, June 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Town Meeting will be held at Central Station on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Tenney Hill Reparation Fund has a balance of \$39,774.70. \$5,331.25 was spent on the clean-up of an illegal tire dump site on Tenney Hill Road. \$136,455.51 was spent on a new septic system for the community center, library, post office and salon buildings. The State of Maine still holds \$200,000. The Town will request an additional \$100,000 from the State. These funds must be used for ground water protection in Casco.

Committee and Staff Reports:

None.

Public Participation:

None.

New Business:

1. Review of Town Meeting warrant and proposed bonding articles.

David Morton reviewed articles in the draft June 12, 2019 Town Meeting warrant. The Selectboard discussed bonding proposals in 1) Article 25 for a fire truck, generators and a boiler; and 2) Article 26 for improvements at Memorial Field.

As an alternative approach to bonding, the Selectboard agreed that 1) a warrant article could be drafted to propose purchasing a boiler for Central Station and a generator for a public safety building from the undesignated fund; 2) two additional generators could be purchased over several years; and 3) Article 25 should be removed from the draft Town Meeting warrant because not enough information is known about the fire truck. The Selectboard agreed that 1) funding for the fire truck could be addressed at a special town meeting or at next year's town meeting; and 2) if necessary, it could be proposed that the undesignated fund be used for an ambulance in the event that both a fire truck and an ambulance are needed at the same time.

It was moved, seconded and voted to not include Article 25 in the Town Meeting warrant for this year: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to include Article 26 in the Town Meeting warrant for this year: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

It was moved, seconded and voted to recommend Article 26 to tax payers: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

David Morton reviewed a proposal in Article 30 for a 2,200 square foot structure to be built by the Crooked River Snowmobile Club on the former Jackson property to be used by the club and the Casco Days organization at no cost to taxpayers. David stated that Town legal counsel recommends the long-term lease of a surveyed plot of land to the club that requires the club to maintain and insure the structure to be built on it. David stated that the lease would include provisions for the Town to own the structure upon termination of the lease.

Grant Plummer questioned whether allowing a private organization to build a structure on Town owned property might set a precedent and possibly open the door for other private organizations to make similar requests. Given the clubs seasonal use of the proposed structure, Grant suggested that it ought to become a multi-purpose space. David stated that such terms could be included in the lease. The Selectboard agreed that both the Crooked River Snowmobile Club and the Casco Days organization provide significant benefits to the Town and surrounding areas.

It was moved, seconded and voted to include Article 30 in the Town Meeting warrant for this year: 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions.

2. Appointment of delegates to the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) general assembly.

It was moved, seconded and voted to appoint Holly Hancock and Mary Fernandes as delegates to the Greater Portland Council of Governments general assembly: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

3. Review of a request to redeem a tax acquired property at Tax Map 26, Lot 7, 491 Roosevelt Trail.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the request to redeem a tax acquired property at Tax Map 26, Lot 7, 491 Roosevelt Trail, in the amount of \$2,659.63 to be paid within sixty days: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Old Business:

4. Selectboard comments.

- Mary Fernandes stated that State Representative Jessica Fay referred her to Erik Gundersen, the Maine Department of Administrative and Financial Services' point-person for the implementation of legalized marijuana, as a good resource for information. Mary stated that she would invite Erik to speak to the Selectboard about legalized marijuana. Mary noted that the Town of Poland passed a citizen's initiative for recreational marijuana.
- Mary Fernandes commented on the need to consider the cost of a new sand and salt storage building in next year's budget.

- In response to a comment from Mary Fernandes, Holly Hancock added a review of committee memberships to the May 21, 2019 Selectboard meeting agenda.
- Mary Fernandes noted that Camp Sunshine is celebrating its 35th anniversary and the grand opening of the Isobel & Bruce Cleland Family Clubhouse on Saturday, June 29 at 11:00 a.m.
- In response to an inquiry from Calvin Nutting, David Morton stated that except for roads due for topcoats of paving, planned road striping has been completed.

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

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker
Administrative Secretary