

Town of Casco

Minutes of the June 4, 2019 Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Members Present:

Holly Hancock, Mary Fernandes, Grant Plummer, Calvin Nutting and Tom Peaslee

Staff Present:

Town Manager David Morton, Code Enforcement Officer Alex Sirois and Administrative Secretary Bob Tooker

Approval of Agenda:

Holly Hancock amended the agenda to include a review of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounts and table agenda item seven (review of a request for abatement of taxes due to poverty or infirmity).

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the agenda for the June 4, 2019 Selectboard meeting as amended: 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 21, 2019)

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2019 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

- Deadlines are looming regarding final inspections of private roads that receive Town plowing services. The deadline for requesting a waiver or an extension is the end of July. The deadline for completing road improvements is the end of September.
- Town local elections will be held at the Casco Community Center on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Town Meeting will be held at the Casco Fire Station on Route 121 on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

- The Town Meeting warrant is posted on the Town website at www.cascomaine.org.

Committee and Staff Reports:

None.

Public Participation:

None.

New Business:

1. Discussion regarding Town Meeting next Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

David Morton stated that Jason Moen will need to be elected as moderator as the first order of business at the Town local elections on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

2. Review of consent agreement for 243 Coffee Pond Road, Tax Map 36, Lot 8.

David Morton stated that a draft consent agreement to allow a deck to remain that was built without a permit had not been reviewed by legal counsel. Code Enforcement Officer Alex Sirois stated that a 3 ft. by 6 ft. portion of the deck covered by a roof appeared in 2004, which was subsequently expanded. Alex stated that 1) without the deck, the house does not meet current front setback requirements, which is allowed because it is a legally non-conforming structure built before current zoning ordinances were adopted; and 2) a variance would have been required to add a deck that encroaches further into the setback.

The Selectboard 1) agreed to allow the initial 3 ft. by 6 ft. portion of the deck covered by a roof to remain; and 2) called for the removal of the remainder of the deck. The Selectboard directed the property owner to provide a boundary survey that shows the existing dimensions of the house and the portion of the deck to be removed.

3. Review of a request to redeem tax acquired property at Hancock Road off State Park Road.

David Morton stated that 1) the property was foreclosed on due to a misunderstanding about when taxes were due; and 2) the Town received a check in the amount of \$2,340.18 for all taxes owed.

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the redemption of accounts 1740 and 3975: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

Old Business:

4. Review of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) account write-offs or accounts to be sent to collections.

It was moved, seconded and voted to send the list dated June 4, 2019 to collections: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

5. Discussion regarding the safety of the Route 11 and Route 121 intersection.

As a follow-up to previous discussions and in response to recurring accidents, the Selectboard discussed the safety of the Route 11 and Route 121 intersection. Grant Plummer stated that people do not know how the intersection works and that he would be in favor of the next step of a four-way stop light recommended by state experts. The Selectboard discussed potential alternatives to a four-way stop light and factors that contribute to accidents and driver confusion.

Holly Hancock added a public hearing on the four-way stop light proposal to the June 18, 2019 Selectboard meeting agenda.

6. Review of committee appointments.

The Selectboard directed that announcements be sent to all recently reappointed board and committee members stating that they should contact the Town Office if they no longer wish to serve on the board or committee to which they were reappointed.

It was moved, seconded and voted to appoint Rae-Anne Nguyn to the Recreation Committee: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

7. Selectboard comments.

- Holly Hancock commented on a proposal by Hal Ferguson, an Otisfield Selectman and member of the Thompson Lake Dam Advisory Committee, for the Towns of Otisfield, Casco and Poland to consider entering into a Thompson Lake Dam ownership agreement with the Town of Oxford. David Morton stated that 1) the Town of Oxford currently owns and carries all liability for the dam; 2) ownership costs would include costs for operating, maintaining, repairing and, if necessary, replacing parts or all of the dam; and 3) the proposal calls for the Towns of Oxford and Otisfield to contribute thirty percent of ownership costs and the Towns of Casco and Poland to contribute twenty percent of ownership costs based on each town's percentage of land frontage on Thompson Lake. David suggested that the boards of all four towns meet to discuss the proposal. Holly Hancock stated that she would contact Hal Ferguson to suggest that the four boards get together for a productive discussion.

- Mary Fernandes stated that Craig Patterson, Program Manager for the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Program, will be sending a liaison to speak to the Selectboard about state marijuana policies and pending laws.

- In response to inquiries from Grant Plummer and Holly Hancock regarding the attachment to Article 26 in the Town Meeting warrant, David Morton stated that he would include more detail and request the Code Enforcement Officer to provide overhead screen shots of the structures on the property.

8. Review of applications 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).)*

This agenda item was tabled.

9. Discussions regarding the Town Manager position. (Requires executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(F), to discuss information in records received by the Town that are confidential under 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 2702(1)(A), specifically, applications for the Town Manager position.)

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn to executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(F), to discuss information in records received by the Town that are confidential under 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 2702(1)(A), specifically, applications for the Town Manager position: 5 in favor, 0 abstentions, 0 opposed.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 7:50 p.m.

The Selectboard returned from executive session at 8:19 p.m.

No action was taken.

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

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker
Administrative Secretary