

Town of Casco

Minutes of the June 5, 2018 Selectboard Meeting

Selectboard Members Present:

Holly Hancock, Mary Fernandes, Grant Plummer 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 June 5, 2018 Selectboard meeting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Warrants:

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve bills and sign open warrants: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Minutes: (May 22, 2018)

It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2018 Selectboard meeting: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

- The School Administrative District (SAD) 61 school budget ratification vote was passed in all three towns.
- Municipal elections and state primary elections will be held on June 12, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Casco Community Center. Absentee ballots are available at the Town Office.
- The Town received a \$30,000.00 settlement from a lawsuit against Georgette Sanders for the recovery of costs related to the demolition of a dangerous building.

Committee and Staff Reports:

None.

Public Participation:

None.

New Business:

1. Review of proposals for removal of buildings from the Jackson property.

David Morton stated that he received two proposals for the removal of two outbuildings. David stated that two garages on the property are useable by the Town and a third garage is not in good shape. David noted that one of the garages might be a good place for the Lake Region Community Theatre to store costume materials.

Old Business:

2. Review and signing of property tax agreement with Hope Chapman.

The Selectboard reviewed and signed the Tax Payment Agreement Between the Town of Casco and Hope Chapman prepared by the Town's legal counsel.

3. Review and signing of personal property tax write-off for Kettle Cove Marina approved on May 22, 2018.

The Selectboard signed a personal property tax write-off for Kettle Cove Marina that was approved at the May 22, 2018 Selectboard meeting.

4. Discussion regarding timelines for private ways with a public easement to meet minimum standards for winter road plowing services.

David Morton stated that the Selectboard held a meeting last summer to 1) discuss problems with lack of compliance with the 1972 standards for plowing private ways with a public easement; and 2) invite road associations and homeowner groups to meet with the Town to review the standards and determine a timeframe in which to bring sub-standard private ways into compliance. In response to an inquiry from Grant Plummer about the Town's obligation to inform a group if their private way does not meet the 1972 standards, David stated that 1) road associations and homeowner groups were provided with a checklist of the 1972 standards; 2) road associations and homeowner groups were invited to meet with the Road Commissioner to discuss the standards and any concerns they may have about their private way not meeting the standards; and 3) only four or five of the eighteen or nineteen groups approached the Town.

The Selectboard agreed that it is the Town's obligation to inform a group if their private way will no longer be plowed because it does not meet the standards. The Selectboard agreed to send a reminder letter to all Town residents who own property on private ways with a public easement to inform them that 1) the Selectboard will decide in the fall of 2018 on a deadline for complying with the 1972 standards; 2) owners of property on private ways with a public easement that do not meet the 1972 standards by the established deadline will no longer receive plowing services; and 3) a workshop on the subject will be held at the July 10, 2018 Selectboard meeting.

5. Discussion regarding road paving.

David Morton stated that for road paving budget purposes, full width drag shimming, a one inch overlay of paving and road shoulders would cost approximately \$84,000.00 per mile. David stated that 1) a 2.3 mile stretch of Mayberry Hill Road would cost approximately \$192,000.00; 2) a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile stretch of New Road would cost approximately \$62,600.00; and 3) a $\frac{2}{10}$ mile stretch of Hillside Avenue would cost approximately \$27,000.00 for a total of \$281,600.00. David stated that there is \$247,251.00 available in the road paving account and that if Town Meeting appropriates \$120,000.00, a total of \$367,250.00 would be available for road paving. David stated that if the Town approves his recommendations, then a balance of approximately \$85,000.00 would remain in the account, which could potentially cover the cost of another mile or perhaps a half mile if the Town wants to keep some funds in reserve.

The Selectboard discussed maintenance costs, options, the bid process and timing and agreed to continue the discussion at the June 19, 2018 Selectboard meeting after Town Meeting.

6. Discussion regarding Town Meeting on June 12 and 13, 2018.

David Morton stated that no one has stepped forward to serve as moderator for Town Meeting and that he will reach out to Jason Moen and others who might be willing to serve as moderator.

7. Selectboard comments.

- Mary Fernandes stated that an easy to read voter guide produced by the League of Women Voters of Maine is available on-line and at the Casco Public Library.
- Holly Hancock confirmed that July 10, August 7 and August 28, 2018 are acceptable dates for future Selectboard meetings.
- In response to an inquiry from Grant Plummer about the status of roadwork that was awarded, David Morton stated that 1) Edwards Road and Johnson Hill Road have not been completed; 2) Tenney Hill Road is scheduled to be completed by the end of July; 3) Cooks Mills Road should begin on August 1; and 4) striping will resume after all paving projects have been completed. In response to an inquiry from Holly Hancock, David stated that if

surface coats of paving are not applied to Tenney Hill Road and Cooks Mills Road before October, then it might be better to apply the surface coats in the spring.

- In response to an inquiry from Mary Fernandes, David Morton stated that the June 19, 2018 Selectboard meeting agenda will include a continued discussion of road paving and an update from the Code Enforcement Officer.
- In response to an inquiry from Tom Peaslee, David Morton commented on the status of code enforcement violations at a property on Parsons Point Road.
- David Morton added a recap of Town Meeting and a carry forward request from the Casco Fire & Rescue Department to the June 19, 2018 Selectboard meeting agenda.
- Mary Fernandes requested that the Selectboard review municipal salaries and wages, including salaries and wages for public safety.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker
Administrative Secretary