



Town of Casco
Selectboard Minutes
December 1, 2020

Selectboard Chair Tom Peaslee opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Selectboard Members Present: Mary-Vienessa Fernandes (Vice Chair), Holly Hancock, Tom Peaslee (Chair), Robert MacDonald, Scott Avery

Staff Present: Interim Town Manager Don Gerrish

Chair Tom asked for motion to approve the agenda.

1. Review and Approval of the Meeting Agenda

The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Avery), and voted to approve the agenda with adding an item to the agenda approving the appointment of John Wieseman as Casco Code Enforcement Officer: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

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

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (MacDonald), and voted to approve bills and sign and approve all open warrants: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

3. Approval of Minutes: September 1, 2020 and December 1, 2020

The Selectboard moved (MacDonald), seconded (Fernandes) to approve the September 1, 2020 minutes: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (Avery) abstentions.

The Selectboard moved (MacDonald), seconded (Fernandes) to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Managers Update

The Manager informed the Selectboard that the Town had received a proposal from Gorrill Palmer for a pavement condition study of paved roads in Casco. The cost will be between \$15,000 to \$17,000. He plans to authorize the study and the funds will come from the 2020/21 paving budget.

The Selectboard discussed the current Covid 19 information and decided to continue to monitor the situation but continue to meet in the Community Center Gym for their meetings.

6. Reconsider the Selectboard vote at their November 10, 2020 Selectboard meeting appropriating \$86,260 from the Town's Undesignated Fun Balance to the Memorial Field Project.

The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Peaslee) to reconsider the Selectboard vote at their November 10, 2020 Selectboard meeting appropriating \$86,260 from the Town's Undesignated Fun Balance to the Memorial Field Project: in favor 5, opposed 0, abstained 0.

The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Fernandes) to appropriate \$86,260 from the Town's Undesignated Fun Balance to the Memorial Field Project: in favor 0, opposed 5, abstained 0.

7. Discuss the request from Michael Gordan to purchase a .06acre (2613sq. ft.) Town owned parcel located at 446 Poland Springs Road.

The Selectboard asked that the Town Manager to prepare this lot (Map32 Lot 26) for advertising and sale by sealed bid and also the abutting Town owned lot (Map 32 Lot 28). The Selectboard has only the authority to sell tax acquired property. All other property must be approved by Town Meeting. The town Manager will investigate both parcels to see how they may be sold.

8. Discussion of clarification of the Septic System Subsidy Program Policy.

This Policy allows the Selectboard to approve a grant above the \$10,000 initial amount but has no criteria to determine need to grant the additional funds. After discussion the Selectboard asked the Town Manger to come back at the next meeting with an amended Policy that has certain required information and standards to be met. If an applicant meets the standards and requirements, they will be eligible for a fixed amount up to \$12,000.

9. Discussion of Selectboard Goals

Each Selectboard member discussed their specific goals. The Manager had grouped the goals into categories where there was some consensus. The 4 areas that had a majority of consensus were Comprehensive Plan Update, Town Committees & Finding Volunteers, Road Management & Maintenance, Employee Pay & Benefits Review. The Town Manager will bring these 4 areas back to the Selectboard with more definition of how to deal with each goal including what the cost may be, a time frame to accomplish the goals and who is responsible to work on the goal.

10) Approving the appointment of John Wieseman as Casco Code Enforcement Officer.

The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Fernandes) to appoint John Wieseman as Casco Code Enforcement Officer: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

10. Selectboard Comments

11) **The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Fernandes) to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)-Personnel Town Manager Search: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.**

The Selectboard moved (Hancock), seconded (Avery) to come out of Executive Session; in favor 5, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The Selectboard moved (Fernandes), seconded (Hancock) to adjourn at 8:00pm; in favor 5, opposed 0, abstentions 0.