

Town of Casco

Minutes of the December 19, 2017 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:

The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve the agenda for the December 19, 2017 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Warrants:

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

Approval of Minutes: (November 14, 2017)

The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Selectboard meeting: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Town Manager's Update: (David Morton)

- Cars parked on Town roads during storm events and clean-up may be towed at the owner's expense.
- The Casco Grange Hall has been sold for \$42,000.00.
- Winter sand is available in small quantities for Casco residents at the kiosk across the street from the bulky waste recycling facility.
- The contractor is planning to complete work on the Village septic system and the rear entrance to the library by the first of the year.

- Long time Casco Fire Chief and Casco firefighter Jason Moen has announced his resignation. Brian Cole has been appointed as the interim Fire Chief.
- The Town Office will be closing at noon on December 22, closed on December 25 and December 26, and closed on January 1, 2018.

Committee and Staff Reports:

None.

Public Participation:

None.

Old Business:

1. No agenda item.
2. Update regarding recently sold tax acquired properties that required clean-up.

Code Enforcement Officer Alex Sirois stated that 1) the new owners of recently sold tax acquired properties are working hard and taking the necessary steps to clean up the properties; 2) clean-up efforts are generally more expensive and more difficult than anticipated; 3) certain properties may take more time than anticipated; and 4) work is generally done for the winter and he will follow up in the spring.

New Business:

3. No agenda item.
4. Review of an application for a consent agreement for setback violations involving preexisting structures located at 106 Acadia Road, Casco Tax Map 20, Lot 88.

Alex Sirois stated that 1) a waterfront dock, deck and retaining wall are in violation of current setback requirements; 2) a Town building permit issued in 2007 authorized repairs to the structures; and 3) the structures appear in aerial photographs taken in 1998. Alex stated that the building permit issued in 2007 represents an acknowledgement by the Town that the structures were accepted by the Town at the time. The Selectboard discussed the permitting process for structures in the Shore Land Zone and agreed that 1) the structures in question could no longer be deemed to be in violation of setback requirements after having been permitted for repairs by the Town; and 2) language needed to be included in the consent agreement to clarify that the waterfront deck cannot be expanded in the future.

The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to approve the application for a setback consent agreement for property at 206 Acadia Road, Casco Tax Map 20, Lot 88 with language added at the end of paragraph two on page two stating “with the exception that the existing waterfront deck shall not be expanded”: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

The Selectboard instructed Administrative Secretary Bob Tooker to add the language to the consent agreement and signed the signature page.

5. Review of rescue services billing.

The Selectboard reviewed a list of overdue rescue services billing accounts.

The Selectboard moved (Plummer), seconded (Peaslee) and voted to send the list to collections: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

Holly Hancock stated that the collections company suggested that a list of overdue rescue services billing accounts be submitted to the Selectboard for review on a monthly basis.

6. Selectboard comments:

- Holly Hancock added the Manager’s review to the January 23, 2018 Selectboard meeting agenda. David Morton stated that he will conduct personnel reviews in January.
- In response to an inquiry from Holly Hancock, David Morton stated that the Finance Committee could use one or two additional members.
- In response to an inquiry from Holly Hancock, David Morton stated that he is in the process of making a final decision regarding the hiring of a Deputy Town Clerk.
- Holly Hancock noted that the Selectboard received an email message from a gentleman seeking legislation to prevent larger trucks such as tandem trailer trucks from traveling on local roads.
- In response to an inquiry from Tom Peaslee regarding whether the restriction on plowing across town roads applies to private roads, David Morton stated that he has no enforcement authority on private roads, except that he can refuse to plow private roads obstructed by snow piled up by private plowing contractors.
- In response to an inquiry from Grant Plummer, David Morton commented on costly damage caused by beavers and continual efforts to clear culverts.

- In response to an inquiry from Mary Fernandes, David Morton stated that culverts off of Quaker Ridge Road adjacent to Route 11 have been replaced and that patchwork needs to be completed.
- Mary Fernandes requested a spreadsheet of estimated costs including engineering costs for reconstruction plans for Crooked River Road, Tenny Hill Road and Point Sebago Road, and actual reconstruction savings for Edwards Road and Johnson Hill Road. David stated that 1) he will not know the exact costs for Edwards Road and Johnson Hill Road until final coats of paving are completed in the spring; and 2) he will also include costs for the Pleasant Lake/Parker Pond dam project.

The Selectboard moved (Peaslee), seconded (Plummer) and voted to adjourn: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

ATTEST:

Robert Tooker
Administrative Secretary