

MINUTES
Casco Town Meeting
June 9 and 10, 2015
Fiscal Year 2016

June 10, 2015:

Article 1. Jason Moen was chosen and sworn in to serve as moderator and preside at said meeting.

Moderator Jason Moen opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Article 2. The results of the June 9, 2015 election of Town Officers were as follows:

Selectman and Overseer of the Poor: One Seat Three Year Term

Grant F. Plummer 76 Votes

Write-Ins: *One Vote Each:*

Tom Hancock
Lynn Potter
Ray Grant
Jeanine Oren

Grant F. Plummer was elected as a member of the Casco Selectboard and Overseer of the Poor for a three year term.

SAD #61 School Board Director: One Seat Three Year Term

Write-Ins: Tom Hancock: 24 Votes

Write-Ins: *One Vote Each:*

Phil Shane	Dick Card
Ann Bragdon	Joyce Barter
Sally Plummer	Trevor Tidd
Bill Shane	Ray Grant
Eileen Tidd	

Tom Hancock was elected as SAD #61 School Board Director for a three year term, pending acceptance of the position.

Open Space Commission:

One Seat

Three Year Term

Write-Ins: Eric Dibner 17 Votes
Pam Edwards 2 Votes

Write-Ins: *One Vote Each:*
Mary Fernandes Richard Burnell
Donna Morton Margaret Dilley
Doug Webster Pat Troy
Brian Gank

Eric Dibner was elected as a member of the Open Space Commission for a three year term, pending acceptance of the position.

Article 3. There was no business to be conducted under this article.

Article 4. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$621,070.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$249,200.00 for a total of \$870,270.00 for **Administrative Services** for the ensuing year.

Article 5. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$69,500.00 for a total of \$69,500 for **Social Services** for the ensuing year.

Article 6. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$102,713.00 for a total of \$102,713.00 for **Recreation, Parks & Cemeteries, Conservation Commission and Open Space** for the ensuing year.

Article 7. It was moved seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$310,760.00 and appropriate from municipal revenues \$230,000.00 for a total of \$540,760.00 for **Public Safety** for the ensuing year.

Article 8. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$240,000.00 for a total of \$240,000.00 for **recycling, solid waste and sanitation** for the ensuing year.

Article 9. It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$152,383.00 for a total of \$152,383.00 for **unclassified accounts** for the ensuing year.

Ronald Hawkes of Casco spoke eloquently on the passing of Susannah Swihart, who loved Casco and her home. To all who knew and worked with her, Susannah was a pearl of great price. Her work ethic was exemplary. As our neighbor and friend, she cared deeply for the wonderful dynamics happening in Casco. She was very involved. She firmly believed that our Town was truly a place of great people who could and would come together and make good decisions for the good of Casco. Susannah was a wonderful cheerleader for our community. For all who

knew her, she was the epitome of grace. On the occasion of President Kennedy's death, Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana said these words: (Ronald noted that he had taken the liberty to change "he" to "she.") "She gave us over her love that we too in turn might give. She gave that we might give of ourselves." I believe that this is Susannah's legacy: deep respect for others in making people feel good about themselves. This was the true Susannah Swihart's spirit. She will be greatly missed.

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$152,383.00 for a total of \$152,383.00 for **unclassified accounts** for the ensuing year.

Article 10. It was moved, seconded and voted to apply supplemental taxes and surplus to **abatements** for the ensuing year.

Article 11. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$239,100.00 and appropriate from excise taxes \$570,000.00, and appropriate from state road funds \$45,000.00 for a total of \$854,100.00 for **roads** for the ensuing year.

Article 12. It was moved and seconded to raise and appropriate \$227,000.00 for a total of \$227,000.00 for **capital improvements** for the ensuing year.

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 12 to include \$30,000.00 for **land acquisition** for a total of \$257,000.00. The moderator opens the floor to debate.

There were several comments from the floor.

There being no further debate, the moderator calls for a vote on the amendment to Article 12. The amendment fails.

There being no further debate, the moderator calls for a vote on Article 12:

It was voted to raise and appropriate \$227,000.00 for a total of \$227,000.00 for **capital improvements** for the ensuing year.

Article 13. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$32,000.00 for a total of \$32,000.00 for **engineering and planning Pleasant Lake Dam replacement or repair** for the ensuing year.

Article 14. It was moved, seconded and voted to raise and appropriate \$9,656.00 for a total of \$9,656.00 for **Regional Transportation – Lake Region Bus Service** for the ensuing year.

Article 15. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the continued **plowing and sanding of certain private roads** for which the town has obtained public easements and which meet the criteria approved in a Special Town Meeting July 2, 1971, or any subsequent criteria or standards, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to

discontinue the plowing of certain private roads that no longer meet criteria approved in a Special Town Meeting July 2, 1971, or any subsequent criteria or standards, or where the public easement has been withdrawn or denied.

Article 16. It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the **standards for plowing of private roads**, Titled “Standards for plowing of private roads by Town Meeting 2015”, as shown in **Addendum 1**.

Article 17. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to **sell and dispose of any real estate** acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes on such terms as they deem advisable and execute quitclaim deed for the property.

Article 18. It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Tax Collector to accept **prepayment of taxes**.

Article 19. It was moved and seconded to set two semi-annual payments for when taxes are due and payable and fix a rate of interest to be paid on unpaid taxes after that date. The first payment due October 7, 2016 or 45 days after commitment, whichever date is later, and the second payment due on April 7, 2017. Interest due on unpaid balances after due dates at the maximum allowed by law (7% A.P.R.)

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 19 to set the interest due on unpaid balances after due dates at 3%. The moderator opens the floor to debate.

There were several comments from the floor.

There being no further debate, the moderator calls for a vote on the amendment to Article 19. The amendment fails.

It was moved and seconded to amend Article 19 to October 7, 2015 (instead of October 7, 2016), and April 7, 2016 (instead of April 7, 2017). The moderator calls for a vote: the amendment passes.

The moderator calls for a vote on Article 19 as amended:

It was voted to set two semi-annual payments for when taxes are due and payable. The first payment due October 7, 2015 or 45 days after commitment, whichever date is later, and the second payment due on April 7, 2016. Interest due on unpaid balances after due dates at the maximum allowed by law (7% A.P.R.)

Articles 20 – 23:

It was moved, seconded and voted to combine Articles 20 - 23 into a single vote. It was moved, seconded and voted that the moderator dispense with readings of Articles 20 - 23.

It was moved and seconded to accept Articles 20 – 23 as stated in the warrant.

Richard Thorpe of Casco eloquently called for the assembled people here and the Board to acknowledge a tribute to Delvin Merrill, a local hero who passed away this week. Delvin was a Casco native who lived in Naples for many years but never forgot his Casco roots. Delvin was a POW in Korea for three years. Richard added that if that doesn't mean much to non-military people, try it sometime. Richard ended by calling upon the Town to acknowledge the passing of Delvin Merrill along with the passing of Susannah Swihart and their contributions to the Town.

The moderator calls for a vote on Articles 20, 21, 22 and 23:

Articles 20, 21, 22 and 23 pass as follows:

- Article 20.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the town, to apply for and accept state and federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations, donations and other revenue on behalf of the town for municipal purposes, including when necessary the authority to sign grants and contracts documents or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, so long as those conditions do not require the expenditure of matching funds by the town in excess of approved budgets, and to appropriate and expend grant funds or such other donations and other revenues for authorized purposes, as the Selectboard deems in the best interest of the town during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- Article 21.** It was moved, seconded and voted to accept state grants and funds for which the town of Casco is eligible, including municipal revenue sharing, local road assistance, state aid to education (including federal pass through funds and property tax relief), public library state aid per capita, civil emergency funds, snowmobile registration money, tree growth reimbursement, general assistance reimbursement, veteran's exemption reimbursement and other grants or funds, and gifts to the town without conditions.
- Article 22.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize unexpended balances for the 2014-2015 fiscal year to be carried forward to the 2015-2016 fiscal year at the discretion of the Selectboard and within the existing budget line items providing that the respective total departmental budgets are not overspent and the overall total budget is not overspent.
- Article 23.** It was moved, seconded and voted to authorize the Selectboard, on behalf of the town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, which may be given to the town during the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- Article 24: Financial Statement Applicable to Article 24.**

The issuance of bonds by the Town of Casco is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Casco as of the date of the Town Meeting.

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid	\$0.00
Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds	\$0.00
Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding	\$0.00
Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued	\$0.00

Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued If Approved By Voters	\$600,000.00
Estimate of Potential New Interest on Such Additional Bonds	\$122,118.00
Total Additional Bonds and Estimated Interest If Approved by Voters	\$722,118.00

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

David P. Morton, Treasurer
Town of Casco

Article 24. It was moved and seconded to approve an expenditure of up to \$600,000.00 for costs of design, construction and equipping of a new Town Office building at 635 Meadow Road in Casco, with such amount to be raised by a general obligation bond borrowing of up to \$600,000.00, hereby authorized, with the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to be issued with or without call provisions and with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), redemption provisions and other details as the Municipal Officers shall determine. **See Addendum 2.**

The moderator opens the floor to debate. After lengthy debate and many comments from the floor, it was moved, seconded and voted to limit debate on Article 24.

The moderator calls for a vote on Article 24:

It was voted to approve an expenditure of up to \$600,000.00 for costs of design, construction and equipping of a new Town Office building at 635 Meadow Road in Casco, with such amount to be raise by a general obligation bond borrowing of up to \$600,000.00, hereby authorized, with the bonds and any notes in anticipation

thereof to be issued with or without call provisions and with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s), redemption provisions and other details as the Municipal Officers shall determine.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to have the existing town office refurbished and add an addition no greater than 3,000 square feet and at a cost of not to exceed \$350,000.00 (three hundred and fifty thousand dollars).

It was moved, seconded and voted to pass over Article 25.

Article 26. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Town of Casco's Dog Control Ordinance, as adopted January 14, 2012, be amended by adding and deleting the language as shown in **Addendum 3**.

Article 27. It was moved and seconded that Article 2, of the Casco Zoning Ordinance, as adopted June 11, 1994 and amended through September 24, 2015, as adopted March 12, 1988 and amended through June 18, 1994, be further amended by adding and deleting the language as in **Addendum 4** for the purposes of redefining Driveway, adding Erosion and Sedimentation Control, expanding the definition of impervious Surface, and adding a definition for impervious Area to provide clarity to referenced terms in the existing ordinance.

It was moved, seconded and voted to amend Articles 27, 28 and 29 to September 24, 2014 (instead of September 24, 2015).

The moderator calls for a vote:

Article 27 passes as amended.

Article 28 as Amended.

It was moved, seconded and voted that Article 5, of the Casco Zoning Ordinance, as adopted June 11, 1994 and amended through September 24, 2014, as adopted March 12, 1988 and amended through June 18, 1994, be further amended by adding a new performance standard for providing lighting standards for all site plan applications falling under Article 7: Site Plan Review. Exterior Lighting standards as proposed will apply to all exterior lighting which shall be designed to minimize adverse impact on neighboring properties and public ways. Lighting shall be arranged to minimize glare and reflection on adjacent properties and the traveling public while maintaining illumination for areas requiring public safety and access. As shown in **Addendum 5**.

Article 29 as Amended.

It was moved and seconded that Article 5, of the Casco Zoning Ordinance, as adopted June 11, 1994 and amended September 24, 2014, as adopted March 12, 1988 and amended through June 18, 1994, be further amended by adding a new

performance standard for providing Stormwater Quality and Phosphorus Treatment for all development, construction, alteration or building on lots, where any portion of the lot is within 250' of a great pond, as measured from the normal high water mark, or 100' of perennial stream, as identified on a USBS Map. As shown in **Addendum 6**.

It was moved, seconded and voted to amend Article 29 as Amended to 250' (instead of 250" – 250 feet instead of 250 inches).

The moderator calls for a vote:

It was voted that Article 5, of the Casco Zoning Ordinance, as adopted June 11, 1994 and amended September 24, 2014, as adopted March 12, 1988 and amended through June 18, 1994, be further amended by adding a new performance standard for providing Stormwater Quality and Phosphorus Treatment for all development, construction, alteration or building on lots, where any portion of the lot is within 250' of a great pond, as measured from the normal high water mark, or 100' of perennial stream, as identified on a USBS Map.

ATTEST:

Robert C. Tooker, Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:

Lucille D. Griffin, Deputy Town Clerk