



FRIENDS OF CASCO BAY MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Friends of Casco Bay was held at the Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, Maine, on Tuesday, April 30th, 2019.

Welcome

Executive Director Cathy Ramsdell welcomed the 125 guests in attendance. She had the audience self identify their various relationships to Friends of Casco Bay by yelling “Seas the Bay!” if they were Staff or former Staff, Board or former Board, Water Reporter, film festival attendee or sponsor, Volunteer at a coastal cleanup/storm drain stenciling event/ in the office/ of at some other event, Community Partner, Donor/Member, or Someone Who Loves Casco Bay.

She said she would be introducing Board President Malcolm Poole to conduct the Annual Meeting, then she would return to the podium to talk about the work of Friends of Casco Bay and to thank all those who help us in this work; then she would be directing the attendees to choose the conversations of their choice by visiting any of four stations in the room so interact with Staff directly about aspects of our work: BayKeeping, BayScaping, Water Quality Monitoring, and Water Reporting. She introduced Malcolm.

Board President Malcolm Poole welcomed Friends of Casco Bay members, volunteers, and guests, and thanked outgoing Board members for their service and thanked current Board members for their dedication.

Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

Clerk Pat Ianni affirmed that the Minutes of the January 23, 2018, Annual Meeting were in order.

Action item: The minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 23, 2018, were **APPROVED**.

Election of Directors

Each member of the Board of Directors may serve for up to three consecutive three-year terms.

Action item: The membership voted:

- The election of 1 Director for his first full 3-year term: David Kaufman
- The re-election of 2 Directors for their second 3-year term: Jack Thomas and Lori Thayer
- The re-election of 3 Directors for their third 3-year term: Bud Higgins, Pat Ianni, and Peter LeBourdais

These elections were **APPROVED**.

Treasurer’s Report

In Board Treasurer Jack Thomas’ absence, Malcolm Poole provided the Treasurer’s Report and directed attendees to the Financials for April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, as set forth in the Annual Report to the Community. Friends of Casco Bay ended the fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$2,932 before depreciation totaling \$33,275, a noncash item. Three funds contributed \$62,968 for use in their respective operating program areas: Baykeeping, Boats, and Advocacy. We realized an overall increase in the value of the funds of 8%. The organization’s Balance Sheet remains strong cash. He mentioned that Friends of Casco Bay is embarking on a \$1.5 million campaign, the Climate Change and Casco Bay Fund for Technology, Monitoring, and Community Engagement, to establish three continuous monitoring stations in the Bay and operated them for a decade.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.