



FRIENDS OF CASCO BAY MINUTES OF 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Friends of Casco Bay was held online (due to the shutdowns enacted because of the novel corona virus pandemic) on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020, as part of a 30th anniversary celebration.

Welcome

Following a slide show of community members' testimonials about the work of Friends of Casco Bay, Community Engagement Coordinator Sarah Lyman welcomed the online guests and guided them through a brief tutorial to orient them to their screen and to practice using the chat and poll functions. 142 people registered to attend the event, and 80 viewers actually attended. Executive Director Cathy Ramsdell welcomed everyone and introduced 3 short films from our Congressionals in Washington, commemorating the 30 years of work of Friends of Casco Bay. The films were shown in order of rank and seniority: Representative Chellie Pingree, Senator Angus King, and Senator Susan Collins.

Annual Meeting

Board President Malcolm Poole conducted the Annual Meeting. He 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 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Malcolm shared that prior to this event, he had conferred with Board Clerk Pat Ianni who affirmed that the Minutes of the April 30th, 2019, Annual Meeting are in order.

Election of Directors

Malcolm thanked outgoing Board members AJ Curran and Derek Pelletier for their years of Board service. Each member of the Board of Directors may serve for up to three consecutive three-year terms.

Action item: To vote the following slate of new terms and term renewals:

- The election of 2 Directors for their first full 3-year term: Stephen Bushey and Mark Green
- The re-election of 1 Director for his second 3-year term: Malcolm Poole
- The re-election of 2 Directors for their third 3-year term: Tollef Olson and Joan Benoit Samuelson

These elections were **APPROVED** by attendees using the poll function on their screens, 58 in favor and 3 abstaining, none opposed. Malcolm shared the new line up of Board officers, effective June 17, 2020: Sandy Marsters as President, Seb Milardo as Vice President, Jack Thomas as Treasurer, and Pat Ianni as Clerk. Three additional members of the Board will join the Officers, as at large members of the Executive Committee: Bud Higgins, David Kaufman, and Malcolm Poole.

Treasurer's Report

Malcolm shared that prior to this event, he had conferred with Board Treasurer Jack Thomas who confirmed that the financial reports for the year ended March 31, 2019, are in order. Malcolm reviewed the financials with the attendees and directed them to the website for more information, cascobay.org.

The Annual Meeting portion of the event was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Cathy then made a 28 minute presentation about the work of Friends, eventually focusing on the reasons for the creation of the Climate Change and Casco Bay Fund, sharing that 85% of the \$1.5m goal has been reached and that we are launching the public fund raising phase of the campaign now and with a mailing going out in late July to 7500 Friends of Casco Bay.