

Friends of Casco Bay
Board Meeting – Minutes
Meeting held at home of Jack and Susan Thomas, Cumberland Foreside
Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance

Board: Sandy Marsters (President), Steve Bushey, Howard Gray, Megan Hallett, Pat Ianni, David Kaufman, Peter LeBourdais, Seb Milardo, Kirsten Piacentini, Lori Thayer
Staff: Susan Bosco, Mike Doan, Will Everitt, Ivy Frignoca, Chris Gilday, Robby Lewis-Nash, Sarah Lyman

Welcome – President Sandy Marsters

Sandy shared how wonderful it is to see everyone in person and to be able to congratulate Will Everitt as our new Executive Director face-to-face. He shared that most of this evening will be a social event but we have a small amount of official business to attend to.

Financials Update – Will Everitt, Executive Director

Referring to the FY22 interim financial report, Will shared that at this very early stage of our fiscal year, we are slightly over budget on income and under budget on expenses.

Action Item: Board Consent Agenda

David motioned, Seb seconded, to approve the consent agenda as presented. *PASSED.*

Action Item: Nomination of Ellen Grant to Board of Directors

Sandy called for a nomination of Ellen Grant to the Board of Directors which David motioned, Seb seconded. As part of the discussion, Sandy read into the record Bud's enthusiastic recommendation of Ellen to the Board:

Submitted by Bud Higgins:

I so wish I could be with you all in-person this evening, sharing in the excitement of this special gathering of the Staff and Board of Friends of Casco Bay. And sincere thanks to Susan and Jack for providing such a spectacular place to gather.

This organization is ideally positioned to be even more influential in ensuring the ever-improving health of our precious Bay. Its Staff has proven to be professional, creative, tireless, and resilient. Its new Executive Director brings just the right combination of tactical skills and strategic vision. And its Board of Directors has never been more committed and capable as we launch our next exciting strategic planning process.

This is why I enthusiastically and without reservation support the nomination of Ellen Grant to join us on the Board of Friends of Casco Bay. A review of her impressive Curriculum Vieta and her personal statement underscores her experience and success in the non-profit world over her long career.

Our personal paths have crossed many times over the years. She mentored me when she was the Executive Director of the Institute of Civic Leadership and I was one of her students. She kept me engaged with and educated about the Gulf of Maine Research Institute during her tenure as its Chief Operating Officer. Most recently, she reached out to me on her own, offering anything she might be able to do, given her experience, to help us during our ED search process.

I have never had a conversation with Ellen, no matter how brief, when I didn't come away with one of the following gifts: thoughtful reflection; encouragement; enlightenment; optimism; energy. Why? Because she naturally listens, questions, processes, and shares. She will bring these same skills with her as she joins us on the Board of Friends of Casco Bay. I look forward to working with Ellen and all of you during this next exciting stage of Friends of Casco Bay evolution.

Ellen was then unanimously voted on to the Board by those present.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.