



Friends of Casco Bay Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Friends of Casco Bay was held in person at Cunningham Farm, 1007 Intervale Road, New Gloucester, Maine.

Welcome

Board President Andrew “Sandy” Marsters welcomed 125 attendees at the event. He shared a short overview of Friends of Casco Bay’s work during the past year.

Annual Meeting

Approval of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Sandy shared that prior to the event, he conferred with Board Clerk Pat Ianni who affirmed that the Minutes of the July 20, 2021, Annual Meeting are in order.

Election of Directors

Sandy thanked outgoing board members Jack Thomas and Lori Thayer who termed off the board for their years of board service.

Action Item: Those in attendance voted the following slate of term renewals.

New directors are elected by the Board during the year and ratified by the membership at each Annual Meeting. Directors serve three-year terms, and they are limited to three consecutive terms. There were three parts to the Election of Directors and they were moved as a slate:

1. During the year, the board brought on five new Directors and those in attendance elected them for their first full three-year term: Deborah Debiegun, Ellen Grant, Howard Gray, Megan Hallett, and Kirsten Piacentini
2. Those in attendance re-elected one Director to his second term: David Kaufman
3. Those in attendance re-elected three Directors to their third term: Bud Higgins, Pat Ianni, and Peter LeBourdais

Treasurer’s Report

Sandy shared that prior to the event, he had conferred with Board Treasurer Malcolm Poole who affirmed that the financial reports for the year ended March 31, 2022, are in order. Friends of Casco Bay closed FY21 on March 31, 2021, with an operating surplus of \$4,423 before depreciation totaling \$42,481, a noncash expense. We house four funds that support our work at the Maine Community Foundation. Those funds are The Baykeeping Fund, the Boats Fund, the Emeritus Fund for Advocacy, and the Climate Change and Casco Bay Fund. These four funds contributed \$330, 869 to program operations for our fiscal year. The Community Foundation has stewarded these funds well and even with withdrawals to operations we saw an overall increase in the balance of the funds at year-end. The organization remains in a strong financial position.

Sandy adjourned the Annual Meeting portion of the event at 5:24 p.m.

Following the annual meeting, Will Everitt shared his professional history and how he came to be Friends of Casco Bay’s new Executive Director. Casco Baykeeper Ivy Frignoca then gave a brief presentation about the work ahead of Friends of Casco Bay and about the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. On behalf of the organization, she gave Casco Bay Awards to Scott Firmin, Portland Water District Director of Wastewater Services, Dan Devereaux, Brunswick Coastal Resources Manager, and Fred Dillon, South Portland Stormwater Coordinator.