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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date: March 12, 2019 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Municipal Building Rev.0

Present: Selectboard Members: Jan Gaudio, Walter Reitz and Cheryl Waterman
Others: Town Administrator Owen Casas, Georges River Land Trust reps Alvin Chase and Meg Rasmussen, Maine Coast Heritage Trust rep Amanda Devine, Nathan Benner, Mike Mayo, Gilford Butler Committee member Sandy Ratzlaff

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Gaudio moved to shift Ambulance Director Drinkwater from item I (Old Business) to a more appropriate place in the agenda, based on her potential to respond to an emergency call. No objections.

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

No public comment was offered

IV. New Business

A. Discussion with Mike Mayo, in preparation of Town Meeting.

Mike Mayo, potential moderator for Town Meeting, talked with the Board about process and any issues of interest related to Town Meeting. No action taken.

B. (Moved from item I under Old Business) Approve Ambulance hires: Amy Drinkwater and Meredith Day.

Director Drinkwater explained why an official hiring of her onto Town Ambulance staff was necessary for her to properly provide patient care through South Thomaston, not through agreement with St. George.

Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Amy Drinkwater and Meredith Day for Ambulance service.
Motion passed 3-0

C. Presentation and discussion with Georges River Land Trust.

Meg Rasmussen from Georges River Land Trust presented information about the Bobolink Trail in South Thomaston. There was discussion about their lands, trails and tick mitigation. No action taken.

D. Presentation and discussion with Maine Coast Heritage Trust.

Amanda Devine from Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) explained the land acquisition MCHT had done in South Thomaston and engaged the Board and others on any input they had that would be useful while they further developed plans on they would do with the property. There was a good conversation on walking trails, ADA compliance, potential water access, access for the public and soliciting further input from local organizations. No action taken.

E. EMA Director Thomas update on EDA Grant

EMA Director Thomas undated the Board on information and progress towards an EDA Grant for the road leading onto Spruce Head Island. There are two grants that we could potentially be eligible for. Director Thomas sought input from the Board that the project and her efforts still had their support.

***Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion for the EMA Director to continue working on both grant opportunities.
Motion passed 3-0***

F. Review and formally authorize Memorandum of Understanding between St. George and South Thomaston on emergency warming shelters.

EMA Director Thomas explained the Memorandum.

**Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to formally approve the memorandum.
Motion passed 3-0**

G. Appoint new member to Gilford Butler School Futures Committee.

Sandy Retzlaff, member of the Gilford Butler School Futures Committee, explained to the Board that the loss of a Committee member meant that they wished for the Board to appoint another member. Options were discussed and the Board felt comfortable appointing Merle Rockwell to the Committee. Because Town Staff had not confirmed with Mrs. Rockwell her direct intent to be on the Committee, the appointment was contingent on direct confirmation from Mrs. Rockwell.

***Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to appoint Merle Rockwell to the Gilford Butler School Futures Committee, contingent on her confirmation of intent.
Motion passed 3-0***

H. Review and sign “Septic Waste Disposal Facility Agreement” with Interstate Septic.

The Board authorized the payment of \$2,300 to Interstate Septic for the acceptance of residents of South Thomaston's septic waste from April 15, 2019 through April 15, 2020.

Agreement was signed by the Board members.

- I. **Other Business-** The Fisherman's Co-Op is applying for a grant and wanted a letter of support for said grant. Chair Reitz offered to write up the letter.

**Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to write a letter in support of the Fisherman's Co-Op grant application.
Motion passed 3-0**

- J. **Old Business-** Approve 2018 Audit.

**Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to approve the 2018 audit.
Motion passed 3-0**

V. Review Correspondence

A. Cost estimate on roadside trimming of Westbrook St

Mr. Nathan Benner was on hand to explain the quote for tree trimming of Westbrook St. The costs and benefits of working tree trimming monies into future budgets were discussed and the Board took Mr. Benners information under advisement. No action taken.

- B. **Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to accept a \$50 check from Mrs. Linda Ballou. Motion passed 3-0.** The check is intended to help with cemetery restoration.

VI. Reports and Administration

A. Ambulance – February Report

The Board reviewed Ambulance

B. Assessor's Agent – February Report

There was no Assessor's report.

C. Code Enforcement Officer – February Report

The Board reviewed the CEO's report.

D. EMA- February Report

The Board reviewed the EMA Report.

E. Fire Department – February Report

The Board reviewed the Fire Department report.

F. Licensed Plumbing Inspector – February Report

The Board reviewed the LPI report.

G. Treasurer – February Report

There was no Treasurer’s report.

H. Town Administrator’s February Report

There was no Town Administrators Report.

I. Authorize Treasurer’s Warrants

The Board Authorized the Treasurer’s Warrants.

J. Review Check Reconciliations for February 2018

The Board reviewed the December Check Reconciliations.

K. Approve Minutes of February 12th, 2019

*Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 12th, 2019.
Motion passed 3-0.*

L. Schedule Future Meeting(s)

The Board set their next regularly scheduled meetings for April 11th and May 16th.

Adjournment

*Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM.
Motion passed 3-0.*