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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Date: February 13, 2018 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Municipal Building Rev.1

Present: Selectboard Members: Jan Gaudio, Walter Reitz and Cheryl Waterman
Others: Town Administrator Terri Baines, Fire Chief Bryan Calderwood, Ambulance Director Amy Dyer, Mike Drinkwater, Randie Davis, Alexis Davis, RJ Polky, Elijah MacDougall, Jeff Northgraves.

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

I. Call to Order

Gaudio called the meeting to order at 1800.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Discussion of SCBA's
Reserve Account Funding
DOT
Dedication
Added under other business

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Business Items

A. Ambulance Director Amy Dyer – New Hires

Dyer introduced three new hires. Alexis Davis has been hired as a driver for the Ambulance. She is currently a nursing student. Mike Drinkwater is the Fire and Ems instructor at the Midcoast School of Technology. He has been in the fire service for 35 years and 30 years in EMS. Drinkwater is a licensed instructor. Randie Davis started as an EMT 8 years ago in Belfast. She also works for Northeast Ambulance. Davis is currently taking an advanced EMS class.

Dyer reviewed the Ambulance Report.

Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the hire of Randy Davis, Alexis Davis and Mike Drinkwater.

Motion passed 2-0.

There was a brief discussion on the per diems wearing sweatshirts, shirts and or jackets that say South Thomaston Ambulance on them. Gaudio reminded Dyer that the money in the Ambulance accounts could be used for this purpose.

B. Fire Chief Bryan Calderwood – New Hire

Chief Calderwood presented Eli Macdougall as a new hire. He lives in Town and is excited to be a part of the South Thomaston Fire Department.

Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Eli Macdougall as a member of the South Thomaston Fire Department.

Motion passed 2-0.

C. Chuck Jacobs

Jacobs proposed a simple sign for the new bridge designating the river. The sign simply stated Wessaweskeag River with a simple border.

The Historical society would also be interested in the Town Landing Project. Jacobs would like to be on any committee that is formed for the Town Landing Project.

On the 22nd of February at 7pm Jacobs is presenting the first of a four part symposium at the Historical Society on the South Thomaston Utopia and Samuel Baker. The great reveal on where the South Thomaston Utopia was will happen at the February 22nd meeting.

D. Nominations to the Airport Public Advisory Committee

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to nominate Gregory Peet and Vivian Newman to serve an additional term on the Airport Public Advisory Committee.

Motion passed 2-0.

E. Authorize Tax Anticipation Borrowing for 2018

Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes up to \$800,000 on an as needed basis from the Town's reserve and trust funds at an interest rate of 1/8th of 1% more than the current holder (Machias Savings Bank) pays on the funds.

Motion passed 2-0.

F. Marijuana Ordinance

Two draft Ordinances prohibiting retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs were presented to the Board. One was based on the MMA model and the other fashioned after one already adopted by Owls Head.

Waterman moved and Reitz seconded a motion to accept the MMA recommended Ordinance Prohibiting Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Social Clubs.

Motion passed 3-0.

G. Set Date for Public Hearing

The board set the public hearing regarding proposed amendments to The Town of South Thomaston Land Use Ordinance, Town of South Thomaston Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, Floodplain Management Ordinance and a Proposed Marijuana Ordinance for the Town of South Thomaston for March 14th at 5:30. Selectboard meeting to follow.

H. Town Meeting Warrant

Reitz moved and Waterman seconded a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented.

Motion passed 3-0.

I. Draft of 2017 Audit

Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the Town of South Thomaston Independent Auditors Report and Financial Statements of December 31, 2017.

Motion passed 2-0.

J. Census 2020 – LUCA

Knox County has registered as a LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) entity and is offering to complete the LUCA on behalf of the municipalities within Knox County. Gaudio signed the Registration form on behalf of the Town allowing Leticia VanVuuren to complete the LUCA for the Town of South Thomaston.

K. Other Business

DOT Letter.

Municipal Drainage Connection Agreement. This is an agreement between MDOT and the Town of South Thomaston to connect the cellar storm drain and roof storm drain at the South Thomaston Library to the Highway Drainage System.

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve the Municipal Connection Agreement of February 7, 2018 between Maine DOT and the Town of South Thomaston.

Motion passed 2-0.

SCBA's

Reitz and Northgraves discussed leaving the SCBA's in the capital expense line or putting it in the Fire Department budget. After a short discussion it was decided the SCBA's should be left in the Capital Expense line.

The Board and Northgraves discussed the Knox County Dispatch fees and the decision made during the budget meetings to have the whole fee under General Public Safety instead of dividing it out to departments. After the discussion the Board and Northgraves still felt the dispatch fees should be in the General Public Safety budget.

Shellfish Warden Contract

Waterman came to the Selectboard meeting from the Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Joint Board of Selectmen meeting. The Board has advertised for a new shellfish warden.

V. Review Correspondence

A. John McDonald, RSU #13 Superintendent

No action was taken by the Board.

B. Gerald Biron, Field Examiner, General Assistance Program

No action was taken by the Board.

C. MRC Newsletter

No action was taken by the Board.

D. Judith Hutchinson, Auditor, Bureau of Motor Vehicles

No action was taken by the Board.

VI. Reports and Administration

A. Ambulance – January Report

The Board reviewed the January Report.

B. Assessor's Agent – January Report

The Board reviewed the January Report.

C. Code Enforcement Officer – January Report

The Board reviewed the January Report.

D. EMA- January Report

The Board reviewed the January Report.

E. Fire Department – January Report

The Board reviewed the January Report.

F. Licensed Plumbing Inspector – January Report

There was no January Report available.

G. Treasurer – January Report

The Board reviewed the January Report.

H. Town Administrator’s January Report

The Board reviewed the January Report.

I. Abatements

There were no abatements.

J. Authorize Treasurer’s Warrants 110-113, 4-10

The Board authorized Treasurer’s Warrants 110-113, 4-10.

K. Review Check Reconciliations for January 2018

The Board reviewed January Check Reconciliations.

L. Approve Minutes of December 7, 2017, January 9, 2018 and January 16, 2018, January 30, 2018.

Reitz moved and Waterman seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2017, January 9, 2018, January 16, 2018 and January 30, 2018.

Motion passed 3-0.

M. Schedule Future Meeting(s)

March 14, 2018 Public hearing 5:30 with Selectboard meeting to follow. Annual Town Meeting March 27, 2018, Selectboard meeting April 10, 2018.

Adjournment

*Reitz moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to adjourn at 2010.
Motion passed 3-0.*

Selectboard approved March 14, 2018