

South Thomaston Select Board

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 4:00pm

Meeting Conducted Via Zoom and Broadcasted Live on YouTube

View Online: <https://youtu.be/WNNKYgx0OY>

Board Members Present:

- Chair Walter Reitz, Cheryl Waterman, and Jan Gaudio

Also Present:

- Town Administrator Owen Casas

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Reitz at 4:02pm

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

Chair Reitz determined it was appropriate for **Part IV**, item “b” to come before item “a”.

III. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

By request, Chair Reitz provided commented on proposed phase changes to a memo crafted by Sandi Retzlaff on behalf of a group of residents intending to make landscape improvements to the Town Office property.

IV. New Business

a. Review of Current Guidance from the State and Options to Hold Town Meeting

Chair Reitz recapped a discussion with Maine Municipal Association’s Legal Department where potential Annual Town Meeting options were found to be out of compliance with the Governor’s current orders. Board member Gaudio relayed the possibility of using a hanger building located at the Knox County Regional Airport to hold the meeting. Board member Waterman expressed an opinion regarding the Town operating on its own sensible guidelines in response to the lack of guidance by the Governor.

b. Review of Town Meeting Warrant Language Options and Potential Vote on Setting New Warrant Language

Discussion involved the inclusion of traditionally necessary articles on the warrant and the postponement of articles dealing with potentially controversial ordinance changes and Gilford Butler decisions. The Board agreed upon the notion of a slightly pared-down warrant and it was determined that the vote for final warrant language would be postponed until a future meeting.

c. Review of Calendar and Potential Setting of Town Meeting Date

Due to logistical factors requiring further attention, the vote to set the date for Annual Town Meeting and approval of the 2020 Warrant was postponed until the next Select Board meeting scheduled for June 9th, 2020.

V. Adjournment

Gaudio moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:54pm. Waterman seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed 3-0.