**South Thomaston Select Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, July 22, 2020 at 10:00am**

**Meeting Conducted live at Town Office and Broadcasted Live on YouTube**

**View Online:** [**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwv\_GbIlrUs**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iwv_GbIlrUs)

**Board Members Present:**

* Chair Walter Reitz, John Spear, and Jan Gaudio

**Also Present:**

* Town Administrator Owen Casas, RJD Appraisal employees Kevin McCormick and Robert Duplisea

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Reitz at 10:04am.

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda**

There were none

1. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

There were none

1. **New Business**
2. **Set Tax Commitment for 2020**

* Chair Reitz gave general remarks on the budget process, current economic situation, and the tax impact to the taxpayers of South Thomaston. This related to the municipal, county and school budgets as well.
* Robert Duplisea went over the general process for setting the tax commitment and the numbers we were working with.
* There was also discussion about a software update needed by TRIO related to the increase in the Homestead Exemption from the State. Because the commitment signing sheets are generated through TRIO, certain documents provided to the Board would need to be amended and resigned after the software update was complete. That said, an accurate Mil Rate could be obtained by processing all of the necessary information outside of TRIO and accurate tax bills could be generated and set out after this meeting.
* Commitment numbers were reviewed and discussed.
* *Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to apply $100,000 from the Town’s undesignated fund balance to reduce taxes.* ***Motion failed 1-2. Spear voted in favor, Gaudio and Reitz voting against.***
* *Gaudio moved and Spear seconded a motion to apply $75,000 from the Town’s undesignated fund balance to reduce taxes.* ***Motion passes 3-0.***
* *Spear moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to set the South Thomaston 2020 Mil Rate at $15.****35. Motion passed 3-0.***

**Adjournment**

* ***Spear moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:50am. Gaudio seconded. No Discussion. Motion passed 3-0.***