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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 14, 2020 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Municipal Building Rev.0

Select Board Members Present: Jan Gaudio, Cheryl Waterman and Walter Reitz
Others: Town Administrator Casas, Library Director Pennie Alley, Merle Rockwell, Ed, Modell, EMA Director Betty Thomas, Beverly St. Clair, Todd Butler, Ralph Demmons, Noleta Demmons, Dan Manley, Catherine Bendheim

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

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held remotely via the Zoom platform and was broadcast live on YouTube.

II. **Adjustments to the Agenda-** It was requested that Department Heads give their updates first.

III. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda-** none

IV. Meeting Topics.

V. People Score Card-

- A. New Hires- Ralph Demmons. *Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to appoint Ralph Demmons as the Animal Control Officer with an appointment term until the first meeting of the Select Board after the 2021 Town Meeting. Motion passed 3-0*
- B. Recruitment in process- None
- C. Service Anniversaries-
- D. Awards and Recognition- None

VI. Financial Review.

- A. Revenue vs forecast/ budget
- B. Spending vs forecast/ budget
- C. Significant planned expenditures
- D. Significant unplanned expenditures
- E. Outlook- Review of Financials
 - Financials were reviewed and discussed. Chair Reitz raised a discussion about potentially directing Department Heads to look for areas within their budget to be reduced with a goal of overall lowering the municipal budget by

10-15%. There was discussion about the pro's and con's of doing this but the concept was not supported by the majority of the Board. The Treasurer gave his report.

VII. South Thomaston Citizens requests and presentations- Mr. O'Brian had requested to discuss how the addressing process in the Town worked, as he was unhappy with the process, but he was not in attendance so the items was skipped.

VIII. Nonresident requests and presentations- none

IX. Department Head- EMA Director Thomas led a discussion on COVID-19. She related that individuals with concerns should visit the Maine CDC website.

X. New Business-

A. Potential reconsideration of 2020 Town Meeting Warrant Article language-

- The 2020 Town Meeting Warrant was discussed. *Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion to amend articles #18 and #19. Motion passed 3-0*
- *Gaudio moved and Waterman seconded a motion add a new article #3 for the election of a School Board member and renumber the articles that follow. Motion passed 3-0.*
- There was discussion about the "Residential Solid Waste and Junky Yard Ordinance" and "March 2020 Amendments to the Town of South Thomaston Land Use Ordinance"

B. Discussion about the 2020 Annual Town Meeting

- Town Meeting and having supplemental information on hand was discussed.

C. Review and approval of public hearing and public information dates

- The Board discussed dates and time for a public information session on the Island Rd. project, public hearings on Town ordinances and having an additional meeting prior to Town Meeting in March. March 19th from 6:00pm-7:00pm was set for Ordinance public hearings, March 19th from 7:00pm-8:00pm was set for public info session and March 24 starting at 6:00pm was set for the supplemental Select Board meeting.

D. Appointment of Ralph Demmons as South Thomaston ACO

- This item was taken out of order and was acted on under "New Hires".

E. Old Business-

- There was discussion with the Fire Chief about purchasing radios and pagers for the Fire Department. *Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to approve the purchasing of radios and pagers for the Fire Department. Motion passed 3-0*

XI. Review Correspondence

- A. The March 3rd primary voting results were reviewed.

XII. Reports and Administration

A. Ambulance – February Report

The Board reviewed Ambulance

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- 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**
The Board reviewed the 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 18th, 2019**
- Meeting minutes were not complete so were not approved.
- L. Schedule Future Meeting(s)**
Future meetings were discussed previously in the meeting

Adjournment

Waterman moved and Gaudio seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm.

Motion passed 3-0.