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**Selectboard:**  
Jeff Northgraves  
Walter Reitz  
John Spear

Selectboard Minutes  
Date: November 30, 2021, 5:30 PM  
Place: Municipal Building

Rev 1

**Selectboard Present:** Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz  
**Others Present:** Terri-Lynn Baines, Chief Calderwood, Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater, Pennie Alley, Andrew Hedrich, Mark Ouellette, Maureen Spencer, Ruth Rinklin, Carlton Winslow, Nick Martin, Clifford Dacso, Anne Just, Betty Thomas, Chad Harris, Julia O'Brien, Laurie McReel, Lynne Canavan, John Koffel.  
**Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.**

**I. Call to Order**

Spear called the meeting to order at 5:32.

**II. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matter.**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matter.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

The Board entered executive session at 5:33 pm

The Board exited executive session at 5:52 pm

**III. Adjustments to Agenda**

Accept resignation of ACO William Demmons effective December 31, 2021.

Consider Phil Verrill's request for a Health Insurance Buyout

Doug Beck Tennis/B Ball Court Rehabilitation Grant

Flag at Town Landing

**IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**

There was no public comment.

**V. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve the minutes of October 26<sup>th</sup>, revision 1.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the minutes of October 27<sup>th</sup>.*

**Motion passed 2-0. Spear abstained**

*Northgraves moved and Spear seconded a motion to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021.*

**Motion passed 2-0. Reitz abstained**

**VI. Old Business**

**a. Update Axiom Study – Mark Ouellette**

Reitz introduced CEO of Axiom Broadband Feasibility Study Mark Ouellette.

Ouellette gave a brief background on the feasibility study Axiom will be conducting.

Ouellette hopes it will be complete by the end of the year or early January.

There was a discussion on getting fiber to every home and the affordability of fiber to every home.

Ouellette stated the total cost of the project and a revenue estimate based on three tiers of

service would be in the feasibility report. A brief discussion on revenues and expenses followed.

There was a discussion on how long it would take to build the system.

The definition of served and underserved was discussed.

**b. Update MIDC**

There is no critical new information.

**c. Consider Island Road Bid Package- Andrew Hedrich**

Hedrich reviewed the Bid Package with the Selectboard.

There were discussions on the temporary easements, making it clearer in the bid that no blasting or hammering is allowed, the time to fill the budget shortfall, insurance carried by the contractor and the bid timeline. Bids will be issued December 15, 2021, to be returned to Gartley & Dorsky by January 14, 2022

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize Gartley & Dorsky to issue the bids.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**d. Use of ARP Funds**

The Selectboard discussed premium pay and financial assistance to the two daycares in town and premium pay for the Keag Store employees.

Spear had prepared a spreadsheet with three scenarios.

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to accept scenario 2 in the amount of \$16,378.95.*

*A brief discussion followed.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

Business Financial Grant

The Selectboard discussed providing a grant to each of the 2 daycares in town to help offset revenue loss during the pandemic.

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to support both daycares with \$7,500.*

There was a discussion on what these expenditures would leave for a balance in ARP Funds.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**e. Update Regarding Temporary Relocation to Gilford Butler School**

Still waiting on Change of Use Permit from the Fire Marshall's Office.

Ralph Demmons repaired the ramp at the back of the building and will repair the siding.

**f. Update on the Little Red School House Lease**

No update. Northgraves recommended the Board schedule a special town meeting to accept the lease.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table until next meeting.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**g. Update Assessor's Agent/CEO/LPI Recruitment Process**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table until after executive session.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**h. Consider Lifeflight Donation Request**

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to deny Life Flight's donation request based on Towns' traditional non-support of these types of requests.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**VII. New Business**

**a. Consider Fire Department New Hire – Carlton Winslow**

Winslow introduced himself and spoke of why he would like to become a fire fighter in South Thomaston.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to hire Carlton Winslow as a Fire Fighter as recommended by Chief Calderwood. Motion passed 3-0.*

**b. Consider Ambulance New Hire – Driver, Nick Martin**

Martin introduced himself and spoke of why he would like to be a driver for the South Thomaston Ambulance Service.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to hire Nick Martin as a driver for the Ambulance Service as recommended by Ambulance Director Drinkwater.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**c. Consider FY 22 Budget Timeline**

*Baines presented a timeline for the FY 22-23 budget process.*

**d. Discussion of Process to Accept and Account for Donations to the New Community Center & Library**

*Baines can set up an account similar to other segregated accounts.*

*There was a discussion on donations going to the Town or a 501 3 C.*

**e. Accept Ryan Minikis' Resignation from the Planning Board**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept Ryan Minikis' resignation from the Planning Board.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**f. Accept Resignation of Anna Geneseo**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept Anna Geneseo's resignation with regret. The Board wishes her luck.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**g. Consider Purchase of New Sandwich Board Sign for Town Office**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize up to \$300 to repair or replace the sign.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**h. Consider accepting a \$1,250 Donation to the Ambulance from McLoon's Lobster Shack**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept a \$1,250 donation to the Ambulance Service from McLoon's Lobster Shack.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**i. Consider accepting a \$1,250 Donation to the Fire Department from McLoon's Lobster Shack**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept a \$1,250 donation to the Fire Department from McLoon's Lobster Shack.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**j. Consider accepting a \$50 Donation to the Ambulance from Claudia Scalzi**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept a \$50 donation to the Ambulance Service from Claudia Scalzi.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**k. Consider accepting a \$100 Donation to the Fire Department from Ann Sawyer**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept a \$100 donation to the Fire Department from Ann Sawyer.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**l. Consider accepting a \$25 Donation to the Fire Department and Ambulance Service from Raney Benner**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept a \$25 donation to the Fire Department and Ambulance Service from Raney Benner.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**m. Department Head Reports**

*The Board had no questions on the Department Head reports.*

**n. Flooring Purchase -Library Director Pennie Alley**

*Book sale and lawn sale money was used to purchase the flooring.*

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion for retroactive approval to use \$1,600 of book sale and lawn sale money to purchase flooring for three rooms.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**Next Repairs/Modifications- Ramp and ADA Bathroom**

**Ramp**

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$2000 for a ramp.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to authorize the librarian to spend an amount not to exceed \$1500.00 to modify the bathroom to ADA compliant.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**o. Personnel Policy**

**Amendment for EPL**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table until the next meeting.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**VIII. Correspondence**

**Email from Sue Snow concerning flooding on Rt 73 and Waterman Beach Road**

**Email from Sharon Setz concerning flooding on Rt 73 and Waterman Beach Road**

**RJD Appraisals**

The Board reviewed the correspondence and took and took no action.

**IX. Accept Resignation of ACO William Demmons**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept William Demmons resignation as ACO with regret.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**X. Consider Phil Verrill's request for a Health Insurance Buyout**

This will be taken up in executive session.

**XI. Doug Beck Court Rehabilitation Grant**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to formalize changing Owen Casas to Terri-Lynn Baines as approved grant signer.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**XII. Flag at Town Landing**

A resident had asked the flag be taken down because it was tattered. He also pointed out it should be taken down each night because it was not illuminated.

Baines checked the light that is on the pole, and it does not appear to be working correctly.

In years past the Ambulance per diems put the flag up in the morning and took it down before dark. We will go back to this system. Baines will order a new flag.

**XIII. Warrants Review and Approval**

The Board signed the Warrants.

**X. Review Items for Next Agenda**

Update on the Little Red School House Lease

Ambulance Director Drinkwater, Personnel Matter

Personnel Policy- Amendment for EPL

**XI. Schedule Future Meetings**

Meetings scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, January 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**XII. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matter.**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matter.*

**Motion passes 3-0.**

The Board entered executive session at 8:37 pm

The Board exited executive session at 9:10 pm

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to hire Dan Dates as CEO effective January 1, 2022 at a rate of \$30 per hour.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to retroactively increase Terry Brackett's pay to \$30 per hour from his last date of hire.*

**Motion passes 3-0.**

**Adjourn**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

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