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Jeff Northgraves
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Selectboard Minutes
Date: December 28, 2021, 6:00 PM
Place: Municipal Building

Rev 0

Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Sandy Weisman, Anne Just, Ed Boylan, Henry Spencer, Cliff Dacso, Maureen Spencer, Wes Pratt, Deputy Ambulance Director David Elwell, Candace Smith, Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater, Chief Calderwood, Theo Pratt

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

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

II. Adjustments to Agenda

\$100 Donation to the Ambulance Service from George and Loretta Kibitz.

\$300 Donation to the Ambulance Service from Matinicus Isle Plantation.

Correspondence from the Knox Clinic.

Gerry Grierson's resignation as Road Commissioner.

Executive Session – Personnel Matter at the end of the meeting.

Consider EMA Director Betty Thomas's zoom meetings recommendation

Transfer station assessment.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 14th rev 1.

Motion passed 3-0.

Moved and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of December 22nd rev 0

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

a. Consider Approval of Leadership Reorganization of the Ambulance Service

Spear restated the proposal of the leadership reorganization of the Ambulance Service that would be effective Jan 1, 2022, if approved tonight.

The Board briefly discussed the reorganization proposal with Ambulance Director Drinkwater.

Northgraves moved and Reitz second a motion to accept Amy's reorganizational proposal that names Carrie Adams, David Elwell, and a captain yet to be determined With the exception of the captain it will remain budget neutral. The board will find the \$500 in the budget.

Motion passed 3-0

b. Update Regarding Temporary Relocation of Library to Gilford Butler School

Have not heard from the fire marshal yet.

Northgraves will look into it further after the new year.

c. Update Midcoast Internet Development Corporation

Dacso, Anne Just and Reitz have no updates.

Spear drafted a letter he proposes sending to the MIDC.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion that we send the final copy of Spears letter and authorize the Chair to sign.

Motion passed 3-0.

d. Library/Community Center Facility Committee

Discuss Town Role in Establishing Non- Profit Corp (501 C 3 tax status)

Collins proposed the board and facility committee discuss how it should look. Meet and have a path forward. Discussion on a 501 c 3's and the town's role and collectively what do the committee and the board want? Clear mission needs to be established.

Discussion on a timeframe for when to have this meeting.

Review Draft of Donation Card for Donations

The Board discussed the draft of the card.

There was a discussion on what donations the card is for. It was suggested including a blank line for other donations.

There was a discussion on the donation preference line and on options for conditions of the donation.

The Board offered suggestions for changes.

Anyone interested can prepare a draft donation card for consideration at the next meeting.

e. Fire Chief- Discussion of New Fire Trucks

The Chief would like to put on the Town Warrant a request to replace two trucks. Roughly \$700,000. Chief Calderwood is applying for a grant to replace one of the trucks. It takes roughly 1 year to build a truck. Chief Calderwood laid out a timeline for funds. Truck 1, tanker truck estimated around \$600,000 to replace. He estimates \$200,000 or \$300,000 to replace the utility truck.

VI. New Business

a. Resignation of Road Commissioner Gerry Grierson

Spear spoke of all Grierson has done for the Town of South Thomaston.

Spear moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept Grierson's resignation effective January 1, 2022 and award him performance pay of \$1000.

b. Ambulance Director

New Hire

Ed Boylan- New EMT. Amy introduced him and then Boylan spoke of his work history.

Reitz moved and seconded a motion to approve Amy's recommendation to hire Ed Boylan.

Motion passed 3-0.

Performance Bonus

Jill Neagle. Drinkwater feels Neagle does work above and beyond what is expected and would like to give her a performance bonus

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept Amy's recommendation Neagle receives a performance bonus for work done above and beyond what is expected.

Motion passed 3-0.

November Report

The Board reviewed Drinkwater's report with her.

Recommendation from EMA Director to go to all zoom meetings.

Drinkwater also agrees with Thomas.

Discussion should the board mandate or let each board decide. Reitz read the email from EMA Director Thomas.

Cliff Dacso offered his opinion that zoom works really well and omicron is highly contagious.

The Board will revisit this issue, along with Town Office protocol and how other committees will meet at the next Board meeting.

c. Consider Approval of Warrant for Special Town Meeting on January 18, 2022.

Discussion on putting the special town meeting off.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to temporarily postpone the special town meeting.

Motion passed 3-0.

d. Consider Request from Conservation Commission Member for Access to MMA Membership Services.

The Board discussed accessing MMA services by committee members with Henry Spencer. It was discussed when accessing legal services it should be authorized through the Chair in an orderly fashion.

There was a discussion on training modules MMA can provide and all members of the Commission should access the modules.

e. Discuss Possible Improvements at Intersection of Rte. 73 and Southern End of Waterman Beach Road

Spear met with Brian Reeves, Region Engineer MDOT, at the intersection. It is possible there could be a Cooperative agreement with MDOT and the Town. Improvements would include Teeing up the intersection and chevrons.

f. Accept donations to the Ambulance Service

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to accept a \$100 donation to the Ambulance Service from George and Loretta Kibitz.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept a \$300 donation to the Ambulance Service from Matinicus Isle Plantation.

Motion passed 3-0.

VII. Correspondence

EMA Director Thomas regarding zoom meetings.

EMA Thomas responded to the budget letter. Her request will be placed on the agenda of January 18th.

Thank you letter from Knox Clinic for ARP funds.

WCAP requesting funds.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to send the usual response letter to WCAP.

Motion passed 3-0.

VIII. Transfer Station Assessment.

Report from Reitz. The Town of South Thomaston's assessment has increased. He will have more to report when budget is final.

IX. Warrants Review and Approval

X. Review Items for Next Agenda

Executive Session

Donation card

Zoom meeting and advice about public places in town

Fire truck

X. Schedule Future Meetings Discuss

Meeting with Andrew Hedrich to Review Island Road Project Bids

XI. Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a Personnel Matter.

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

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board entered executive session at 8:08

The Board exited executive session at 8:29.

The Board took no action.

XII. Adjourn

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89467423696?pwd=Z1d5cmpJK2VLWjRaeGdFSXITTG03UT09>

Meeting ID: 894 6742 3696

Passcode: 601399

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Selectboard approved January 18, 2022