



Town of South Thomaston, Maine
125 Spruce Head Road
P.O. Box 147
South Thomaston, ME 04858-0147

Tel: 207-596-6584
Fax: 207-596-7529
E-mail: terri@souththomaston.me
Website: www.souththomaston.me

Selectboard:
Jeff Northgraves
Walter Reitz
John Spear

Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Budget Review with
Budget Committee

Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 **Time:** 6:00 pm **Place:** Municipal Building **REV:0**

Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz

Budget Committee Members Present: Moria Paddock, Sondra Wallace, Bob Baines, Kate Green, Bev St. Clair, Camille Minikis, via zoom,

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater, Deputy Director David Ewell

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

Bob Baines requested he be able to address the letter the Maine Lobster Association sent to the Selectboard.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

Bev St. Clair spoke with Pam Paquette regarding the Skate Board Park. Pam and Jon will be happy to meet with the Board any day at 3:30 to discuss the Skate Board Park.

IV. Approve Minutes

The Budget Committee approved the minutes of April 4, 2022.

V. 2022-2023 Budget Review

a. Ambulance (line # 640, Reserves: Defibrillator Reserve (line #1226)

Director Drinkwater presented the Ambulance Service budget.

There was a brief discussion on Assistance Charges, Medical (shots and tests), Pharmacy and Covid Supplies.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Ambulance Service budget in the amount of \$277,813. 6-0.

RESERVES

Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve in the amount of \$5000. 6-0.

There was a discussion of how many EMS are also Fire Fighters.

There was also a brief discussion on how many calls Narcan was used on.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Ambulance Budget in the amount of \$277,813.

There was a brief discussion on a firefighter doing some firefighter duties, while on duty as an EMS.

“Volunteer insurance” was also discussed.

Motion passed 3-0.

RESERVES

Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to preliminarily fund the Ambulance Defibrillator Reserve in the amount of \$5000.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Solid Waste (line #977)

Spear presented the budget. There was a discussion on the new Operator line and how many hours the job would require.

Reitz gave a overview of the Transfer Station budgets, the anticipated fiscal year change and the renovation project.

There was a discussion on the money the Town had received from Perk and how it was spent.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Solid Waste Budget in the amount of \$282,051. 6-0.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Solid Waste budget in the amount of \$282,051.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. CEO/LPI (line #410)

Baines presented the budget.

There was a discussion on what the job entails and the enforcement of violations.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the CEO/LPI budget in the amount of \$31,100. 6-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the CEO/LPI budget in the amount of \$31,100.

Motion passed 3-0.

d. Planning Board (line #213)

Baines presented the budget.

There was a brief discussion on the “notetaker” position.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Planning Board budget in the amount of \$2,745. 6-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Planning Board budget in the amount of \$2,745.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Assessor (line #138 Reval Reserve line #1222)

Baines presented the budget.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Assessor budget in the amount of \$50,475.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approve the Revaluation reserve in the amount of \$10,000.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Assessor budget in the amount of \$50,475.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Revaluation Reserve account in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion passed 3-0.

f. Library (line #1086)

Librarian Alley presented the library budget. She explained the Minerva Catalog Program. The Minerva Catalog Program is new to her budget.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the Library budget in the amount of \$4,513.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Library budget in the amount of \$4,513.

There was a discussion on volunteer insurance and relocation money approved at the Town Meeting last year.

Motion passed 3-0.

g. Cemetery/Geo River Shellfish/Veterans (line #1255 Cemetery Reserve line #1230)

Alley presented the Cemetery part of the Cemetery/Geo River Shellfish/Veterans budget. Alley reported on the repairs that have been completed on the cemeteries.

There was a discussion on the Stipend for mowing the Thorndike cemetery and why it was not in the mowing line under contracted services.

Supplies were briefly discussed.

Avenue 8 construction was discussed.

The Budget committee preliminarily approved the Cemetery/Geo River Shellfish/Veterans budget in the amount of \$31,794. 6-0.

The Budget Committee preliminarily approved the cemetery trust fund in the amount of \$1,000. 6-0.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Cemetery/Geo River Shellfish/Veterans for \$31,794.

Motion passed 3-0.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to preliminarily approve the Cemetery Reserve in the amount of \$1000.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Budget Committee adjourned at 8:29.

VI. Maine Lobsterman Association Request.

The letter from the MLA is on the April 12 agenda. Baines will not be available for that meeting and asked if he could give the Selectboard a brief explanation on MLA's request. MLA is involved in lawsuits and is asking for donations for MMA's legal defense fund. If rules aren't changed lobstering will not exist in Maine, according to Baines. MMA has sent letters to Maine's coastal towns. The lawsuits will be challenging the law that is on the books.

VII. Adjournment

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:46

Motion passed 3-0.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81913729508?pwd=NDRCZWY5L0lFQW56dzJyNFQ4Y1A5UT09>

Meeting ID: 819 1372 9508

Passcode: 339232

Selectboard approved 4/12/2022.