



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

Budget Committee Meeting April 7, 2022

Attendees:

Budget Committee

Moira Paddock (Chair)
Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff (Secretary)
Sondra Wallace
Camille Minikis (via Zoom)
Beverly St. Clair (absent)
Bob Baines (absent)
Linda Maltais (absent)

Select Persons

Walter Reitz
John Spear
Jeff Northgraves

Town Administrator

Terri Baines

Select Board Meeting opened at 6:02 PM.

Budget Committee Meeting opened at 6:03 PM.

Moira Paddock led a discussion about the minutes from the April 5th meeting. Sondra Wallace moved to accept the minutes. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

The Select Board had a lengthy discussion on the 2022 Estimated Municipal Revenue Sharing. The amount was changed from \$180,000 to \$200,000. Homestead Reimbursement was increased from \$131,040 to \$181,040 based on the Select Board's conversation with the State of Maine. Based on these estimates and using \$152,970 from Surplus the town would be below the LD1 tax limit.

John Spear reported that Bob Baines, who is on the board (VP of the Spruce Head Coop) of the Maine Lobstermen's Association (MLA), had told the Select Board that the Maine Lobstermen's Association is raising money for a lawsuit against the federal fisheries regulations to protect endangered Right Whales, and had asked that consideration be given to a donation from the Town. The Select Board will address this on Tuesday, 4/12/22 at their regular scheduled Select Board meeting but asked the Budget Committee on their recommendation.



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Moira Paddock suggested a separate warrant asking whether the town would support the Maine Lobstermen's Association and fishermen of the town of South Thomaston.

Moira Paddock moved to have a warrant presented at the town meeting asking if the town would support the Maine Lobstermen's Association in their lawsuit against the Federal Government. Funding would be from The Town Landing Reserve which is funded by the boat excise taxes. Sondra Wallace seconded. **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Administration (510): (\$278,735)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$278,735**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Assessors (520): (\$50,475)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$50,475**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Revaluation Reserve (line 1223): (\$10,000)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$10,000**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Planning and Appeals Board (530): (\$2,745)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$2,745**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Conservation Commission (535): (\$500)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$500**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Building & Grounds (540): (\$90,811)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$90,811**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Town Landing (550): (\$3,615)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$3,615**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**

Town Landing Reserve (line 1228): (\$3,385)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$3,385**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**



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CEO & Plumbing Inspector (560): (\$31,100)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$31,100**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Fire Department (570): (\$128,894)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$128,894**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Fire Truck Reserve (line 1224): (\$60,835)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$60,835**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Fire Equipment Reserve (line 1225): (\$10,000)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$10,000**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Fire Pond Maintenance (line 1222): (\$5,500)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$5,500**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.

Ambulance Service (580): (\$277,813)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$277,813**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Ambulance Defibulator Reserve (line 1227): (\$5,000)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$5,000**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.

General Public Safety (590): (\$67,597)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$67,597**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Emergency Disaster Reserve (line 1234): (\$10,000)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$10,000**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Street Lights (600): (\$3,925)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$3,925**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.



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Town Roads (610): (\$356,794)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$356,794**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Solid Waste Disposal (630): (\$282,051)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$282,051**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Social Services (640): (\$1,500)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$1,500**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.

Library (650): (\$4,513)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$4,513**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.

Recreation (680): (\$2,020)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$2,020**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.

Recreation Reserve (line 1236): (\$5,000)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$5,000**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.

Debt Services (670): (\$68,296)

Moira Paddock moved to approve **\$68,296**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

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Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$68,296**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Cemetery/Geo. River/Shellfish/Veterans (695): (\$31,794)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$31,794**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Cemetery Reserve/Trust (line 1231) (\$1,000)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$1,000**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded: **Motion**

Passed 4 – 0.



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Capital Expense (702) (\$15,743)

Sondra Wallace moved to approve **\$15,743**. Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff seconded:

Motion Passed 4 – 0.

Jeff Northgraves presented the surplus numbers and the Select Board voted to increase taking \$40,279 more from surplus to adjust the increase of the budget. The total amount from surplus will be \$193,249. There are still variables with the transfer station and school budget.

The Select Board budget is currently \$1,814,641. The budget committee's recommendation is \$1,809,641.

This ended the agenda items.

Sondra Wallace motioned to adjourn. Moira Paddock seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Respectfully submitted by Katie-Lyn Greene-Rackliff

On April 28th Moira Paddock led a discussion about the minutes from this April 7th meeting. Sondra Wallace moved to accept the minutes as amended. Moira Paddock seconded: **Motion Passed 4 – 0.**