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### Selectboard Minutes

Date: May 24, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building

#### Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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

**Others Present:** Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Linda Palmer, Moira Paddock, John McCrea, Catherine Bendheim, Susan Akers, Theo Pratt, Representative Ann Matlack, Ambulance Director Amy Drinkwater via zoom, Maureen Spencer via zoom, Jerrad Dinsmore via zoom

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

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**I. Call to Order**

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**II. Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Regulating the Storage of Solid Waste and Junk**

Spear opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 pm.

Spear opened the meeting to comments or questions on the proposed ordinance.

There was a question if pallets were considered junk. There was a discussion on why pallets were not included in the ordinance. It was requested pallets be considered as an item.

There was also a discussion of hazmat and trash being included. This ordinance will not deal with trash being thrown in a yard. That is already a crime. There was a question on conduit line and fencing that is just left. This could be included under plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical. The Board felt that this would cover conduit line.

Spear closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 pm.

**III. Adjustments to Agenda**

Accept Eileen Skarka's resignation from the Conservation Commission.  
Review By-laws of the South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary.

Correspondence -Email from Ted Mahler.

Update to Little Red School House shingle project.

General Conversation on BYOB /Catering Permit.

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

There was no public comment.

**V. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>)**

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve the minutes of May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes were not yet available.



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## **VI. Old Business**

### **a. Discussion on Amending the Remote Meeting Policy**

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

**Motion passed 3-0.**

### **b. Consider Acceptable Use Agreement**

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

There was a brief discussion on this agreement pertaining to the Town of South Thomaston.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

There was a discussion on email accounts.

## **VII. New Business**

### **a. Ralph Hamill Applications for A Replacement Limited Purpose Aquaculture License and a New Limited Purpose Aquaculture License**

There was a discussion the application needs the Shellfish Chair signature before an Elected Official signature.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the applications after the Shellfish Chair signature is obtained.*

Akers explained where the new LPA was and also explained the replacement is because GPS co-ordinates of the old LPA were incorrect.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

### **b. Discussion with Ann Matlack on LD 2003**

Matlack discussed some of the changes from the previous proposed LD 2003 to the LD 2003 that passed. She explained ADU's (accessory dwelling units). Local regulations must be met, although LD 2003 removes the minimum lot requirement. There are no changes to Shoreland Zone.

There were questions concerning the appeal process and Occupancy Permits.

There was a discussion on the Remote Meeting Policy that the legislature was going to pass. Matlack stated it did pass LD 1772- An Act to Amend the Remote Meeting Law in Maine's Freedom of Access Act.

Matlack reviewed a few bills that are specific to municipalities. LD1803- An act to Attract and Retain Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel through the Maine Length of Service Award Program. LD 1821 - An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a Class C Crime. LD 859 -An Act To Allow Municipalities To Use Rank-choice Voting in Municipal Elections. Municipalities may choose to enact rank choice voting but aren't required to.

Matlack reported State Revenue sharing will be 5% and education will be appropriated at 55%.



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**c. Discussion With Chief Calderwood Concerning Involving the Fire Department in the Planning Board Process of Issuing Permits**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table the discussion with Chief Calderwood.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**d. Discussion on Tax Acquired Property M 17 L 4-1**

Options for the property were briefly discussed. There was also a discussion on getting a quiet title on this piece of property if the Town decided to get bids on it.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table this until the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**e. MMA Safety Training**

There was a discussion on taking the MMA safety classes online. Northgraves will look into the programs that the Town should take.

**f. Consideration of Creating a Recreation Committee**

Alley asked the Selectboard to consider an ad hoc committee to deal with the playground, the skateboard park and the tennis/basketball courts issues. The Selectboard supports this but would like a formal committee. Discussion on the line between the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Committee and how it is demarcated.

The Selectboard agrees to research what needs to be done to move ahead. There was a discussion on the difficulty of filling current committee positions.

Alley asked for permission to order wood chips for the playground to be paid out of the recreation budget.

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to authorize Alley to order two loads of woodchips.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

Alley asked for permission to take the fence down that is around the skateboard park. It is in bad shape.

*Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to authorize Alley to remove the fence.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**g. Consider Inn Keeper License – Weskeag Inn**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the Inn Keeper License for the Weskeag Inn.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**h. Monthly Reports**

**Ambulance**



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There was a question on the yearly calls to date in the Ambulance Report. The report states 94. Drinkwater said the number to date is 118, at the end of April the calls were at 94.

**i. Consider New Ambulance Hire**

Jerrad Dinsmore works for the St. George Service. He also works for dispatch in Augusta. He is a basic EMT taking an advanced class in St. George. He has also completed Fire 1 and 2 training classes. Jerrad lives in Waldoboro.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize the Ambulance Director to extend an offer of employment to Jerrad Dinsmore as an EMT.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

Elliot Stanley is a certified EMT basic taking Drinkwater's advanced class. Stanley has recently moved to South Thomaston and would like to help out the town. He has been running with Rockland since February.

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize the Ambulance Director to extend an offer of employment to Elliot Stanley as an EMT.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

**j. Eileen Skarka's resignation from the Conservation Commission**

*Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept, with regret, Eileen's resignation.*

**Motion passed 3-0.**

There was a discussion on appointing a new member to the Conservation Commission.

**k. Little Red School House Update**

Spear gave an update on the Lowe's donation. A new manager has taken over and the project is starting back at ground zero, but Lowe's is still committed to donating the shingles and stain. The Town will still need volunteers and a place to dip the shingles. Also, someone to take the old shingles off, replace rotten trim work and replace shingles.

**l. Saltwater Field Wedding Venue**

Baines explained that Mr. Evans is concerned that on June 7<sup>th</sup>, when he brings his BYOB permit to the Selectboard for approval, the Selectboard may not approve it. The Board discussed the many different factors involved and feel they can't extend any guarantee at this point. The Selectboard would also require proof of a dance permit from the Fire Marshall's Office.

**m. By-Laws of the South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary.**

The Selectboard members will review the By-Laws and take action at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was a brief discussion on the bond amount.



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**n. Anticipated Executive Session -Personnel Matter -Request of Ambulance Director**

*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 Selectboard entered executive session at 7:58 pm*

*The Selectboard exited executive session at 8:07 pm*

**VI. Correspondence**

Email from Ted Mahler concerning noise at Wilson Construction.

Next Tuesday at 9:30 Northgraves and CEO Dates will meet with the Town Attorney to discuss Wilson Construction.

**VII. Warrants Review and Approval**

The Selectboard approved the Warrants.

**VIII. Review Items for Next Agenda**

Discussion on Amending the Remote Meeting Policy

Consider Acceptable Use Agreement

By-Laws of the South Thomaston Library and Community Center Auxiliary

Discussion with Chief Calderwood Concerning Involving the Fire Department in the Planning Board Process of Issuing Permits

**June 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

Discussion on Tax Acquired Property M 17 L 4-1

**IX. Schedule Future Meetings**

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Previously scheduled meetings:

June 7

June 21

Town Meeting June 28

**XI. Adjourn**

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm.

**Motion passed 3-0.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83576384496?pwd=Lys0Y1V0OHR4U294N1dMb1IFT3JKdz09>

Meeting ID: 835 7638 4496

Passcode: 387273

Selectboard approved June 7, 2022



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