

**Nominating Committee for
The South Thomaston Library/Community Center Auxiliary Board of Directors**

January 2, 2023 Meeting
Minutes

Present: Sandy Weisman, Moira Paddock, Catherine Lerme, Sue Snow and Pennie Alley (on zoom)
Public: Sally Merchant

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

S Weisman introduced the subject of the meeting as fulfilling the task of Article 7 from the 2022 Town Meeting, authorizing a non-profit corporation to be established. To date we have incorporated in the State of Maine, completed a set of by-laws for the corporation (named the ST Library / Community Center Auxiliary). The next task is to create a Board of Directors.

S Weisman stated that the purpose of this committee is to professionally consider community members for the board who care deeply about the community and for the mission of working towards a new library and community center building.

M Paddock reminded us that the by-laws do not limit us to residents of South Thomaston.

The committee looked at the packet of materials assembled for prospective board members. S Snow questioned the expectation of 3 – 5 prospective donors. The committee agreed that any Selectboard member who would also serve on the Board should be exempted from that expectation as it could constitute a conflict of interest. That will be noted on the list of expectations for board members.

We reiterated the Library / Community Center Facility Committee would nominate 3 candidates, the Selectboard 2, and the Library and Community Center Director. A president, treasurer, and secretary are required by law. The additional three board members need not have titles, but other possibilities are a vice president, and perhaps dividing the secretary into two – one a recording secretary, and the other a communications position. It was suggested that a member of the Library / Community Center Facility Committee serve as liaison to the board.

We discussed the kind of skills needed on the board. S Weisman has prepared an excel spread sheet with various skills. That spread sheet will be redesigned for our next meeting. The committee will begin the process of looking at specific suggestions for board membership in executive session at the next meeting.

P Alley wanted to know how much would need to be raised before recruiting board members. She also suggested holding a public meeting for the town to discuss the new building. Others concurred. M Paddock and S Weisman said that the ballpark figure for building is now at \$400/sq ft, but that the design process was on-going.

M Paddock offered to set up a public meeting in Spruce Head, possibly in May. C Lerme will talk with the Historical Society and see if a public meeting could be held there. Another meeting at Town Offices would give us a broad range of participants. S Merchant reminded us not to forget the folks along Rt. 131. C Lerme suggested we do a town-wide mailing ahead of Town Meeting. M Paddock suggested we set a goal of June for creating the Board of Directors.

Homework for each member of the Nominating Committee is to bring a list of several names. S Weisman will send out the list of skills and expertise. Our next meeting is February 6 at 4:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30

Respectfully submitted
Sandy Weisman