



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

Budget Committee Meeting
April 11, 2023

Attendees:

Budget Committee

Walter Reitz (Chair)
Sondra Wallace (Co-Secretary)
Linda Maltais
Bob Baines
Pennie Alley

Select Persons

John Spear
Jeff Northgraves
Sue Snow

Town Administrator

Terri Baines

Select Board Meeting opened at 4:00 PM.

Budget Committee Meeting opened at 4:00 PM.

Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

W. Reitz asked for comments/corrections on the April 10 meeting minutes; there were none. B. Baines moved to approve; S. Wallace seconded; **Motion passed 5-0.**

Conservation Commission (535) (\$518)

Sondra Wallace recused herself to present the budget. P. Alley moved to preliminarily approve **\$518**. L. Maltais seconded: **Motion passed 4-0.**

Cline Property (M8 L2)

J. Spear led the discussion. The Select Board informed the Budget Committee that they are considering an offer, received last month, to sell to the Town a 10-acre parcel adjoining Town land.



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Mr. Cline is offering to sell to any abutting landowner (including the Town) for \$35,000; the property is assessed at \$12,500. It is forested with mature trees. There is no physical access (given decades of undergrowth); there may or may not be a legal right of way. At the Select Board's request, the Conservation Commission reviewed the offer and advised that the parcel could fit well within a long-term plan for creating a protected natural area that might include Town-owned land and an adjoining 118 acres owned by Jeff Smith.

The Select Board is considering adding a warrant article for the Town Meeting, asking whether the Town would authorize purchasing this land. They have not yet decided on various details of the warrant article. This matter will be revisited at a later joint Select Board/Budget Committee meeting.

Town Roads (610) (\$383,364)

J. Spear presented the budget. P. Alley moved to preliminarily approve **\$383,364**. B. Baines seconded: **Motion passed 5-0.**

Solid Waste (630) (\$316,597)

J. Spear presented the budget for the Stump Dump; J. Northgraves presented the budget for the Transfer Station. B. Baines moved to preliminarily approve **\$316,597**. L. Maltais seconded: **Motion passed 5-0.**

Recreation (680) (\$2,450)

J. Spear and T. Baines presented the budget. L. Maltais moved to preliminarily approve **\$2,450**. B. Baines seconded: **Motion passed 5-0.**

Recreation Reserve (line 1233) (\$10,000)

S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve **\$10,000**. P. Alley seconded: **Motion passed 5-0.**

Debt Services (670) (\$66,300)

T. Baines presented the budget. S. Wallace moved to preliminarily approve **\$66,300**. B. Baines seconded: **Motion passed 5-0.**

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

L. Maltais moved to preliminarily approve **\$1,500**. B. Baines seconded: **Motion passed 5-0.**



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General Public Safety (590) (\$72,991)

T. Baines presented the budget. B. Baines moved to preliminarily approve **\$72,991**.
P. Alley seconded: **Motion passed 5-0.**

Without objection, J. Spear declared the Select Board meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Without objection, W. Reitz declared the Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sondra Wallace

On April 12 W. Reitz asked for comments/corrections on these April 11 meeting minutes; there was one amendment. B. Baines moved to approve as amended; L. Maltais seconded; **Motion passed 4-0.**