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Selectboard Minutes
Date May 9, 2023, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building
Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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

South Thomaston Selectboard Present: John Spear, Jeff Northgraves, Sue Snow (via zoom)
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Don Protheroe, Ray Martin, Maureen Spencer
Via Zoom: Sarah Maurer

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Spear led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Adjustments to Agenda

Execute the Warrant and Notice of Election for the RSU#13 Budget Validation Referendum.

Correspondence DOT

Donation to the Library

IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment

V. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (April 25th)

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the minutes from April 25th.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

a. Consideration of Liquor Permit for an Event at Saltwater Fields

Sarah Maurer, owner of Stone Cove Catering, attended the meeting via zoom.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to approve the State License for Sarah Maurer, dba Stone Cove Catering, for the 17th of August.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Consideration of Don Protheroe's Request to Use the Stump Dump Road

Baines conveyed the insurance requirements requested by MMA. There was a brief discussion on easements and insurance.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to on authorize Protheroe's agents to access our property through existing roads under the provision they provide general liability and auto insurance and name the Town as an additional insured, through the end of the year.

Motion passed 3-0.

c. Discussion Regarding Possible Purchase of Smith and Cline Properties

Spear gave an update on the Cline property. The offer to sell does include the separate one-acre parcel that is surrounded by the Smith property.

The Real Estate Agent said Mr. Cline is looking for \$17,000 to purchase both parcels or he will put the parcels on the market. There was a discussion on whether to leave the article regarding the purchase of the Cline property alone, or have it be a what sum article, or pencil in \$17,000 instead of the \$12,500 that is currently in Article 6. The purchase of the Smith property is not contingent on the purchase of the Cline property. The Selectboard feels this should be a Town decision and will write Article 6 as a to see what sum article on the Town Warrant. What it means to have an open article on the Warrant was explained.

Baines will change Article 6 to say, "see what sum" and \$12,500 will be removed.

Protheroe was concerned about the right of way across his property to reach the Smith property. The Town attorney suggested language for the article to purchase the Smith property that deals with the right of way issue.

d. Discussion on Possible Food Sovereignty Ordinance

The Selectboard discussed putting this Ordinance on the Town Warrant.

The Selectboard reviewed the draft Food Sovereignty Ordinance. It was drafted based on MMA's model with some added verbiage.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to put this on the Town Warrant.

Baines will add it to the draft warrant for the town report.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Consideration of Ambulance SOP

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to table to the next meeting.

Motion passed 3-0.

f. Consideration of Ambulance Hardship Policy

This agenda item was dealt with at the meeting of May 3rd.

g. Update on Condition/Repairs of the Skateboard Park

Spear thanked Jan Gaudio, Ray Martin, Charlie McClure, Pennie and Arthur Alley, for helping with repairs last week. Martin and A. Alley will go back and finish final repairs this week.

P. Alley said that she is very pleased with the work that has been done and is already seeing an increase in the use of the skate park.

Spear also thanked Joe Godfrey, Chuck Hartman, Paul Dimaggio and Terri Baines for helping take part of the fence down at the basketball courts so it may be paved.

h. Review updated Town Warrant Articles

This agenda item was dealt with at the meeting of May 3rd

i. Review Town Manager Statutory Plan

This is on the Town Warrant as an advisory article. This would be a major change. All employees, unless elected, are appointed, disciplined, if need be, and removed, if need be, by the Town Manager. This includes the Fire Chief and the Ambulance Director. The Selectboard would have no business in that. The Town Manager would also appoint Department Heads,

subject to confirmation by the selectboard. Department Head would need to be defined.

The selectboard can't communicate around the Town Manager. Stipend positions would be appointed by the Town Manager.

This article is advisory, not binding. If the Town is not interested, the consensus was it would not be pursued.

j. Execute Warrant and Notice of Election

Warrant and Notice of Election for the June 13th RSU #13 Budget Validation Referendum.
Northgraves moved and Spear seconded a motion to execute and post the warrant articles from RSU #13.

Motion passed 2-0. Snow recused herself.

k. Donation to the Library

Captain James McDonald donated \$400 for the library /community center.
Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to accept Captain James McDonald's donation of \$400.

Motion passed 3-0.

l. DOT Letter

This will be added to the next meeting agenda.
Spear gave a brief update on paving a shim coat from Village Road going beyond Granite Street. Mcloon's parking lot was also paved as part of the project, but the Town is NOT paving the McLoon's parking lot. The owners of Mcloon's are responsible for the cost of that paving.

m. Wreaths Across America

The Village Cemetery has been authorized as a Wreaths Across America site. The ceremony will be held on December 16, 2023. The South Thomaston Lions Club is a Sponsor. Donations for a wreath can be made at www.wreathscrossamerica.org/ME0122.

VI. New Business

a. Consideration of Maine DOT Snow and Ice Control Agreement Rt 131

State contracts with the Town to plow sand and salt Route 131. The Town contracts with a snowplow contractor.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to authorize Baines to execute the 7-year contract with DOT for snow and ice management.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Discussion on Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Hazardous Waste Collection Day event is scheduled for July 15th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The total cost for the event is \$20,000. South Thomaston, Thomaston and Owls Head will each pay a portion. The Selectboard previously earmarked ARPA funds for this event. South Thomaston's cost will be \$5,300.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to commit \$5,300 from ARPA funds to support Hazard Waste Collection Day.

Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Correspondence

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Selectboard approved the warrants.

IX. Schedule Future Meetings

May 10 at 4 pm with the Owls Head Selectboard.

May 23rd at 6:00 pm, Regular meeting.

May 30th Public Hearing at 6:00 pm for articles on the town meeting warrant.

June 20th at 7:00 pm. Annual Town meeting at the Ash Point Community School.

June 6th regular meeting 6:00 pm.

XI. Adjourn

If there is no objection the meeting is declared adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87963302132?pwd=TkVEdkR5azFpK3hyMHc2bnJwSnc2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 879 6330 2132

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Selectboard approved May 23, 2023