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Selectboard and Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Date July 6, 2023, 4:00 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

Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Doug Beck, Sondra Wallace, Catherine Lerne, Leslie Spear, Henry Spencer

I. Call to Order

Spear called the joint meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Spear led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Adjustments to Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

V. Discussion with Doug Beck from Maine Bureau of Parks and Land Conservation Regarding the Smith Property

Doug Beck is meeting with the Selectboard and Conservation Commission to review what grants might be available for the properties the Town plans on purchasing. Grant programs can help communities with recreation projects. Beck reviewed the town map showing the properties that the town has approved the purchase of.

The purchase price of the properties and restrictions were discussed. Also discussed was what forever wild means.

Beck reviewed different grant options that may be available for developing trails and also later grants for maintenance.

The first step would be to have a yellow book appraisal of the properties. The cost of the appraisals could be between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Beck suggested having a landscape architect with trail experience design the trails. This would avoid making design and development decisions that don't lead to future development.

Grant cycle timelines were discussed.

Beck encouraged the Conservation Commission and Selectboard to sit down and make a plan of how they would like to see the properties used/developed. Briefly discussed were different

types of trails. The Selectboard and Conservation Commission will meet again on August 9th, at 5:00 pm.

VI. Adjourn

With no objection the Selectboard and Conservation Commission adjourned at 5:37pm .

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