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Selectboard:
John Spear
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Selectboard Minutes
Date June 29, 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
Via Zoom: Town Attorney Kristin Collins

- I. Call to Order**
Spear called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
Spear led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Adjustments to Agenda**
Discussion regarding process concerning the possible land purchases.
Execute Engagement Letter.
Possible meeting with Doug Beck on July 6th at 4:00 pm.
Discussion on closing town office on July 3rd .
Carry Forwards.
- IV. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**
There was no public comment.
- V. Discussion with Legal Counsel** (Possible Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(E))

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(E & H) to discuss a personnel & legal matter.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 4:01 pm.
The Selectboard exited executive session at 4:39 pm.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter.

The Selectboard entered executive session at 4:40 pm.
The Selectboard exited executive session at 4:43 pm.

Motion passed 3-0.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to engage Jim Strong for the express purpose of working to help us settle the purchase of the two properties the town approved purchasing at Town Meeting.

Motion passed 3-0.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to authorize the CEO and the town Attorney to negotiate a consent agreement for the 23 School Street property in accordance with the discussion we had with the Town Attorney.

Motion passed 3-0.

VI. Possible Meeting with Doug Beck on July 6th at 4:00.

The Selectboard had a discussion on meeting with Doug Beck to have a conversation on grant possibilities that may be available for the Smith property.

VII. Execute Audit Engagement Letter

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to authorize Baines to sign the letter as Management and Spear to sign as Chair of the Selectboard.

Motion passed 3-0.

VIII. Carry Forwards

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to authorize Ed Alley to do the work in the basement and the fire bay and to authorize the carry forward of the balance of the Building and Grounds budget.

Motion passed 3-0.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to carry over the Streetlight Maintenance balance.

Motion passed 3-0.

IX. Discussion on closing the Town Office on July 3rd

Governor Mills closed all State Offices for July 3rd for employees to have a long holiday weekend. Many local Town Offices also closed on July 3rd. The Selectboard discussed the effect closing the South Thomaston Office on July 3rd could have and if employees would willing to use a vacation day.

Northgraves moved and Snow seconded a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to close the Town Office on Monday July 3rd and employees to take a vacation day.

Motion passed 3-0.

XI. Adjournment

With no objection the board adjourned at 5:06.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83487495455?pwd=eHg4NURZcWFBC1o1eVRCQnZveG9sQT09>

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