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### Minutes

Selectboard & Conservation Commission Committee Joint Meeting  
Date August 9, 2023, 5:00 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

**Conservation Commission Present:** Linda Palmer, Leslie Spear, Henry Spencer, Catherine Lerme, Sondra Wallace, Sally Merchant, Neil Cambridge

**Others Present:** Terri-Lynn Baines

**Present Via zoom:** Theo Pratt

**I. Call to Order**

Northgraves called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Northgraves 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 Conservation Commission Committee Regarding Land Purchases**

Spear gave an update on the land purchases. The Purchase and Sales agreement has been signed for the Cline Property. Attorney Strong is researching the title. He will not be able to warrant where the exact boundaries are or the exact acreage.

The situation is the same with the Smith property as far as the boundaries and acreage.

Attorney Strong is waiting for specific language for the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the Smith property. He is also working on title research.

Surveys and grants were briefly discussed.

The encumbrance and the unencumbering of the tennis court was brought up and discussed at length.

Discussion on the wording for conditions in the Smith deed. What he means by "forever wild" needs to be clarified.

Briefly discusses whether conditions can be put on the Cline property or not.

Some Conservation Commission members' opinion is the first grant should be to deal with the property. For example. Cutting trees, invasives, ATV damage.

There was a discussion on grants and which should/could be applied for.

Also discussed was the road on Protheroe's property that is a right of way to the Smith's property.

It was brought up that if we are not going to apply for a LWCF Grant for the land, the town should apply for a LWCF Grant to repair the tennis court.

Raising money for the purchase of the land was discussed. A request for donations could be sent out through the town's email list.

**VI. Adjourn**

Without objection the Selectboard adjourned at 6:07.

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