Applicants Sought for Library and Community Center Facilities Committee

As a result of the vote on Article 27 at Town Meeting on June 18th regarding the former Gilford Butler School the Selectboard is in the process of repurposing the mission of the Library and Community Center Facilities Committee; substantially in accordance with the draft mission found below.

Due to this repurposing, at least 3 members of the Committee who were dedicated to the original mission of planning and fundraising for a new building have resigned, or have indicated they intend to resign.

Additionally, the Selectboard would like to reconstitute the Committee membership so that at least a majority, if not all, of members support the repurposed mission.

Membership on this committee will require a significant work effort and time commitment.

If you are interested in being appointed to this Committee, please contact Town Administrator Hannah Moholland in writing (emails are acceptable).

Thank you for your interest in the Town of South Thomaston.

South Thomaston Selectboard

DRAFT Repurposed Mission of the Library 7/2/24

and Community Center Facilities Committee

Pursuant to Article 27, as approved at the Annual Town Meeting on June 18, 2024, the Selectboard has voted to issue a repurposed mission for the Library and Community Center Facilities Committee. In accordance with Article 27, as interpreted by the Selectboard, fund raising and planning for construction of a new building to replace the former Gilford Butler School building shall cease.

Planning and fund-raising efforts shall now focus on:

* Renovating the existing building and constructing an addition to the existing building to house a large multi-purpose meeting room with a kitchen, and bathrooms and other amenities the Committee may deem advisable
* Constructing a new waste water disposal system(s) to serve the new addition and existing building
* Maximizing energy efficiency in both the existing building and the new addition
* Reconfiguring parking, walkways, and landscaping as required to accommodate the above

Additionally, the Committee is requested to develop a prioritized list, along with associated cost estimates developed by qualified professionals, for repairs and maintenance that the existing building needs in the near to mid-term.

This repurposed mission is not intended to limit the scope of analytical work that the Committee wishes to pursue, including considering the relocation of the Town Office to the site or designing the building in a manner that will facilitate such a relocation at some future date.

Please bear in mind that any CDS spending grant funds that the Library and Community Center Facilities Auxiliary is currently in the process of attempting to secure, as well as any associated required 25% match money, will be made available to the Town by the Auxiliary for the purpose of constructing the new addition and associated ancillary items such as a new waste water disposal system, reconfigured parking, etc.