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Selectboard Minutes
Date: November 26, 2024, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building

Item 6 (b) and 7 (g) if Discussed in Executive Session Will be Considered Immediately After the Call to Order

Rev 1

Present: John Spear, Sue Snow

Also Present: Hannah Moholland, David Elwell, Pennie Alley

Zoom: Terri Baines, Kristin Collins, Sondra Wallace, Geoffrey Parker

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Alley led the Pledge of Allegiance following a moment of silence for Carolyn Grierson who was the Clerk for South Thomaston from 1979-1992.
- III. Adjustments to Agenda**
 - a. **Lease for Aphrodite Oysters**
 - b. **Discussion for Public Hearing for the Georges River Shellfish Ordinance**
 - c. **Consider Catherine Lerme's Resignation from the Planning Board and Library and Community Center Facilities Committee**
 - d. **Discuss Issues with Gregory Ranquist at the Stump Dump**
 - e. **Accept two donations from Kay Sylvester and Doris Norton for the Ambulance Service in memory of Allen Sewall**
 - f. **Consider Trekkers Donation Request**
- IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (October 8 & November 12)**
 - a. Snow made a motion to approve the October 8 minutes as amended and Spear seconded.
Motion Passed 2-0
 - b. Snow made a motion to table the minutes of November 12 until the next Selectboard Meeting and Spear seconded.
- Motion Passed 2-0**
- V. Public Comment for items not on the agenda**
 - a. Alley discussed that the Library would hold the Tree Lighting and an open house from 2:00-4:00 PM Saturday and on December 7, and the Library will host the Health Fair that will have a CPR class, the Flu and Covid Vaccines, and water testing kits will be available.
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. **Discuss Demo Debris Facility Sticker Price Cost and Other Issues**



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- i. Spear made some proposed changes to the Demo Debris Facility Operations Manual. The changes that are being proposed are to affix the sticker to the windshield of the vehicle, charge dumping fees with a new fee schedule, limit how many times a day a person can dump, contractors can obtain a voucher by having the homeowner purchase the voucher either by check, cash, or card, which will help with how many dumps in a week or a day they can do it. As well as raising the stickers to \$20.00 for two years. Spear made a suggestion to make the changes effective on enactment date but for the stickers to be active until January or February so the changes to can be known to the residents. Spear would like to hold a Public Hearing sometime in January so the public can make comments and ask questions.
- b. Update on Maine Coast Seafood (Possible Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(E))**

- i. Spear made a motion to enter the executive session and Snow seconded. The meeting was entered at 6:02 PM with Kristen Collins and Terri Baines present.

Motion Passed 2-0

- ii. Spear addressed the comments made in the executive session. Spoke with the Towns attorney to negotiate attorney fees and a list of things that still need to be cleaned up. To propose 60 days and a possible 60 more days from the Code Enforcement in order to clean up the debris, wood, trash, and things on the property.
- c. Update on Solar Rebate**
- i. The application for the rebate was sent to the IRS and now waiting for an email back to see if they need more information.
- d. Update Regarding Forrest Preserve**
- i. Wallace sought legal services for the five parcels for the Smith and Cline properties. She spoke with Melissa Reynolds, and she stated that she doesn't see any issue with the Cline property with its Quit Claim Deed but because they are looking at title insurance only on the forest preserve, the remaining land is still land lot and will need an easement over the Town Land to provide access to the Preserve which would need Town Meeting approval. Spear suggested going from Route 73 up to the Stump Dump Road that goes to the fork and towards the old road that is parallel to the preserve. Wallace stated it would not be the access point for people to enter the preserve. Reynolds suggested to have the Town should deed to itself the five parcels in the preserve to make it one parcel. The next step is to speak with the surveyor again and find where the Stump Dump



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is and to talk to him about laying out the description for the proposed easement.

- ii. Spear made a motion to authorize the town to reengage the surveyor to provide a legal description of the easement as described above and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 2-0

e. Lease for Aphrodite Oysters

- i. Snow spoke with Hannah Braiser from the Department of Maine Resources regarding the LPA and the 20-year lease if there is any shorter leases we could recommend. She stated yes, the Selectboard can make a recommendation to what they believe would be a good fit, but ultimately it would be up the Department of Marine Resources to give them the amount of the lease. It will be a year or two before they hold a hearing on it, so the Selectboard would like to hold a public hearing sometime in January or February to get the opinions of residents and the people who work on the water as the lease is for water right in the middle of the channel.

f. Consider Catherine Lermes Resignation from the Planning Board and Library and Community Center Facilities Committee

- i. Snow so moved the motion to accept Catherine Lerne Resignation from the Planning Board and Library and Community Center and Spear seconded.

Motion Passed 2-0

VII. New Business

a. Consider Execution of Special Town Meeting Warrant for December 11, 2024

i. Forrest Hill Cemetery

1. Spear made a draft warrant and needs someone to post it that is a resident of South Thomaston. Changes were to be made were the spelling of Forest Hill. Snow so moved the motion to approve the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on Wednesday December 11th at 6:30 PM regarding the Forest Hills Cemetery and Spear seconded.

Motion Passed 2-0

ii. Other, if Any

b. Consider Authorization of Shed to House Fire Department Rescue Boat

- i. Spear stated that Chief Elwell had spoken to him about getting more space for the Fire Departments boat and had looked up quotes for a shed



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to house it. Elwell suggested going through N-L Sheds out of Whiteville for a 14x36 shed that goes for roughly \$12,048 which includes the building and shipping. It will be put on the other side of the building on the Fire Department parking lot side. If we were to get the order soon, we would be looking at getting it in January. Spear suggested getting windows in the shed as they would be able to store more than just the boat.

- ii. Spear made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$14,000 from surplus for the purchase and set up to house the boat and other equipment and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 2-0

c. Discussion for Public Hearing for the Georges River Shellfish Ordinance

- i. The brief changes to the ordinance are making corrections to the ordinance, disorderly conduct referring to people coming into the Town offices and causing a disturbance when getting their licenses, being more specific on residency, to notify a residency change, to have their license on them while using and having it signed, and for prisoners to get licenses.
- ii. John suggested having a public hearing on the 11th after the Special Town Meeting and would like someone from the organization to speak on behalf of the changes being made.

d. Review July-October Revenues and Expenses

- i. Spear questioned the Demo Debris as we only took in \$510.00 and how much we should have made. 48% of the Ambulance billing has been met already which is running high. Building and Ground for \$26,000 and a credit of \$18,000 and to check it. The two expenses running ahead is the Transfer Station and the Ambulance Service.

e. Consider LifeFlight of Maine Donation Request

- i. Spear stated that the Town does not donate to these organizations and send a letter to them.

f. Consider Trekkers Donation Request

- i. Spear stated that the Town does not donate to these organizations and send a letter to them.

g. Consider Abatement for Angelo & Lynn Luongo Map 003 Lot 019-002 and Supplement for Paul Johnson Map 003 Lot 019-002-001

- i. Snow made a motion to approve the abatement for Angelo and Lynne Luongo Map 003 Lot 019-002 for the amount of \$1,939.60 and Spear seconded.



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- ii. Snow made a motion to approve the supplement for Paul Johnson Map 003 Lot 019-002-001 in the amount of \$2,116 and if paid to refund them interest and Spear seconded.

Motion Passed 2-0

h. Discuss Issues with Gregory Ranquist at the Stump Dump

- i. There was blatant disregard with trying to dump cardboard at the Stump Dump when it is supposed to be brought to the three town Transfer Station to be recycled and then also refused to fill out the log. Spear suggested to send a letter and to ask him to present himself to the Selectboard and to discuss possible suspensions or to stop his privilege to dump at the Stump Dump which will be the meeting of the 11th.

i. Evaluation of Town Administration Probationary Period (Possible Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(A))

- i. Snow made a motion to go into executive session and Spear seconded. Executive session started at 7:32 PM

Motion Passed 2-0

j. Discuss Letter from Attorney James Rutter RE Andrew Stancioff's Request for a Donation Return Possible Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(A)

- i. Went into executive session at 6:02 PM with Kristen Collins.

VIII. Monthly Reports

IX. Appointments

a. EMA Director

- i. Snow so moved made a motion to table this until the next Selectboard Meeting and Spear seconded.

Motion Passed 2-0

b. Other, if Any

X. Donations

- i. In Memory of Allan Sewall Donations to the Ambulance Service
 1. Nancy and William Leppanen \$50.00
 2. Jeff and Brenda Burgess \$50.00
 3. Vance and Sari Bunker \$250.00
 4. Audrey Marchant \$25.00
 5. Cash Donation \$50.00
 6. Dianne Wooster \$25.00
 7. Ann Sawyer \$25.00
 8. Stanley Clark \$100.00
 9. Jean Benjamin \$30.00



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10. Rockland Elks Lodge \$30.00
 11. Kay Sylvester \$25.00
 12. Doris Norton \$50.00
- ii. Snow so moved the motion to approve the above stated donations to the Ambulance Service in memory of Allen Sewall and Spear seconded.

Motion passed 2-0

- iii. Snow moved a made a motion to accept the \$250.00 donation to the Fire Department from Vance and Sari Bunker and Spear seconded.

Motion Passed 2-0

- XI. Correspondence**
XII. Warrants Review and Approval
XIII. Schedule Future Meetings
i. January 14th, and January 28th
XIV. Adjourn

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82479942105?pwd=1xakwSMaANvxhPwGCCBBDqsViybihs.1>

Meeting ID: 824 7994 2105

Passcode: 154493

Selectboard Approved December 11, 2024