

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 (RESCHEDULED FROM 1/11/21)
EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

ZOOM ONLY

(If you wish to attend via Zoom, please email the Town Manager at kgeorge@thomastonmaine.gov or visit the calendar on the Town website at www.thomastonmaine.gov for the meeting link.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:

- A. Accept with regret the resignation of Nancy Armstrong from the Harbor Committee.**
- B. Accept with regret the resignation of Police Sergeant Ian Anderson, effective February 12, 2021.**
- C. Consider placing the following foreclosed property out to bid per voter requirements of Article 24 of the 2019/2020 Town Meeting Warrant:**
 - 59 Water Street**
 - Knox County Registry of Deeds: Book 5341, Page 59 Lien**
 - Knox County Registry of Deeds: Book 5198, Page 247 Property Deed**
- D. Consider the Town Manager to be appointed as the Maine Service Centers Coalition (MSCC) Representative and appoint a Select Board member as an MSCC Alternate Representative.**
- E. Discuss setting a workshop date to review the Town’s Trust Funds or delegate the review to the Town Manager, Finance Director, and members of the Select Board to put together bids for trust fund investment services.**



Jeff's Marine, Inc.

2 Brooklyn Heights - P.O. Box 236 - Thomaston, ME 04861

November 3, 2020

John Snyder
Chairman, Thomaston Harbor Committee

Dear John,

I write to inform you of my resignation from the Harbor Committee.

It has been a privilege to serve on the committee and I am thankful for the opportunity.

Thomas Turansky is Operations Manager at Jeff's Marine Inc. and I recommend that he be considered for the vacancy that my resignation creates. Thomas has been with Jeff's Marine since October 2018 and has had years of experience around boats and on the water.

Much appreciated is all the hard work that the committee has done and its benefit to the community. Wishing you continued success as you work together to accomplish your goals.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Armstrong

Owner

nancy@jeffsmarine.com

207.596.4029



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November 3, 2020

John Snyder
Chairman, Thomaston Harbor Committee

Dear Mr. Snyder:

I am writing to indicate my interest in serving on the Thomaston Harbor Committee. I am currently the Operations Manager at Jeff's Marine, a business with a vested interest in the maintenance and upkeep of Thomaston Harbor.

I have been around boats and harbors my entire life, having grown up spending time on the water in San Diego and working there as a sailing instructor. Since moving to Maine in 2017, I have spent time working in Rockland Harbor with the Apprenticeshop, both as an employee and an apprentice, and have been at Jeff's Marine since October 2018. In addition to my experience on the water for pleasure and as a sailing instructor, I am also a USCG Master, 50-ton, Near Coastal.

I believe that my boating background and my current employment at Jeff's Marine make me a sound choice as a member of the Thomaston Harbor Committee.

Sincerely,

Thomas Turansky
Operations Manager
thomas@jeffsmarine.com
207.354.8777 (w)
207.542.5303 (m)

January 11, 2021

Tim Hoppe

Chief of Police

Thomaston Police Department

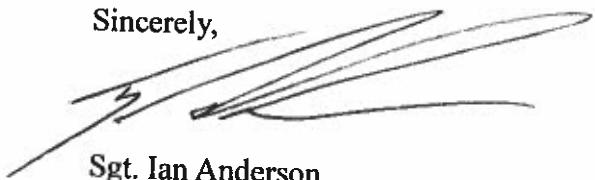
Dear Chief Hoppe,

I'm writing to notify you that I will be resigning from my position as Police Sergeant, effective February 12, 2021.

I appreciate every opportunity that has been afforded to me while employed at the Thomaston Police Department, from being trained, to training, and promotion. I cherish the time that was spent here, during a major rebuilding phase for this department, spearheaded by your leadership.

I want to be exceedingly clear that my reasons for leaving are solely my own, and reflect only a desire to step down in the career that is Law Enforcement. I'll be stepping down to the position of Reserve Police Officer, and do so hoping to be able to help the department moving forward when needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Anderson", with a stylized flourish extending to the left.

Sgt. Ian Anderson

**TOWN OF THOMASTON
NOTICE OF TAX SALE**

The Board of Selectpersons of the Town of Thomaston is accepting bids for the sale of the municipality's interest in a tax-acquired property. All bids must be received by the Selectpersons no later than February 5, 2021 at 2:00 pm, at which time the bids will be opened and reviewed, and awarded on February 8, 2021 at the Board of Selectperson's Meeting at 6pm at the Thomaston Municipal Building by Zoom. The Selectpersons of Thomaston reserve the right to reject any and all bids. The properties shall be conveyed by a quitclaim deed without covenants. In the event that the successful bidder fails, for any reason, to complete the purchase in the time stated, the bid acceptance is void and the Board of Selectpersons may thereafter negotiate a sale of the property with any or all unsuccessful bidders.

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING VOTER APPROVED ARTICLE CONTROLS THESE SALES:

ARTICLE 24 OF THE 2019-2020 TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quit claim deeds for said property, said real estate to be sold as follows:

1. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon.
2. The parties from whom the property has been taken for non-payment of taxes thereon may purchase Said real estate from the Town at any time during the process, the purchase price in the latter case Being all unpaid taxes on said property, plus interest, lien costs and the cost of the publication of the Notice plus the cost of the quit claim deed.
3. In the event the parties from whom the real estate was taken by the Town for unpaid taxes fails to Redeem the property as provided in Paragraph 2, the Board of Selectpersons may sell the property to The highest bidder.

The following property is located at:

59 Water Street, Thomaston, Maine 04861
Knox County Registry of Deeds: Book 5341, Page 59 Lien
Knox County Registry of Deeds: Book 5198, Page 247 Property Deed

Place bid in a sealed envelope properly marked: Property (Location)

The tax maps, bidding forms and other public information concerning the property may be reviewed at the Town Office during regular business hours, which are: Monday-Thursday 8:00am to 5pm. Friday 8am -2pm, or by calling 207-354-6107.

MAINE SERVICE CENTERS COALITION

60 Community Drive • Augusta, Maine 04330 • (207) 623-8428

Christine Landes, Chair
City of Gardiner
(207) 582-4800

Catherine Conlow, Vice Chair
City of Bangor
(207) 992-4204

January 11, 2021

Ms. Kara George, Town Manager
Town of Thomaston
13 Valley St
Thomaston, ME 04861

Matt Lutkus, Secretary
Town of Damariscotta
(207) 563-5168

James Bennett, Treasurer
City of Biddeford
(207) 284-9313

Dear Kara:

As the newly elected 130th Maine Legislature begins its work facing one of the most severe health and financial crisis in Maine's history, we are asking that you renew your dues support of the Maine Service Centers Coalition. The administration of Governor Mills has made some significant progress in addressing the fiscal impact of the Covid 19 virus on Maine's economy but the outlook for 2021 continues to present significant problems and difficult decisions for the Administration and the Maine Legislature.

The deficits to Maine's General Fund budgets facing our lawmakers are in excess of \$640 million. The supplemental and biennial budgets Governor Mills is proposing are scheduled to be presented on Friday January 8th. The supplemental budget proposal addresses the shortfall in this fiscal year and the proposed biennial budget addresses the next two fiscal years.

Our municipal revenue received significant and long overdue funding restorations in the 2019 Maine Legislative session. The administration and bipartisan majorities in the Maine Senate and House deserve credit for their support for partial restorations in revenue sharing, local aid to education funding, county jails, workers compensation reform and the critical need for transportation bond packages. However the 2020 session, shortened by the onset of the pandemic, severely hampered further improvements in this past year.

This legislative session will be a serious test in distance learning. The legislative sessions will be held at the Augusta Civic Center with no access from interested parties allowed. Public hearings and committee work sessions may be held at the State House or remotely and all outside access will be by electronic means only.

Your membership, support and involvement are now critical to our continued success. Given the lack of face-to-face time in Augusta with elected and Administration officials, your interaction with your local legislators will be a key to our collective effort to maintain and continue the restoration and protection of municipal revenue.

In addition to protecting all municipal revenue streams and the modest gains of the past two years, our major priorities include addressing the need for permanent solutions to county jail funding, more responsive Tax Increment Finance rules and regulations, changes to the General Assistance burden for many of Maine's Service Centers and addressing the related issues of homelessness and evictions. We will continue to work with a group of organizations to restore full funding of all revenue to municipalities. Our strategy continues to include holding every Maine legislator accountable for every vote that impacts municipal revenue or impairs our ability to provide property tax relief to our citizens.

Given the obvious advantage of experienced political advice and relationships, the Maine Service Centers Coalition leadership and staff will again rely upon Richard Trahey and his firm of Maine Governmental Relations for professional lobbying staff support. I believe that this relationship with Richard has benefited the Coalition greatly in providing us access to policy makers, sound policy advice and effective advocacy services.

We are enclosing the MSCC Membership Dues invoice for 2021 and hope you will respond favorably. Membership dues are set at twelve cents per capita based on your community's population (*established by the latest State Revenue Sharing data available*) with a minimum dues payment of \$500 per community. Also enclosed please find an informational form that we ask you to update and return to us. Please be sure to note to whom we should rely upon as the principal REPRESENTATIVE and ALTERNATE for your community.

In addition, please feel free to contact me directly at the Gardiner City Hall (207.582.4200) or by e-mail at clandes@gardinermaine.com.

Thank you for your municipality's past support. Together we can make 2021 a productive year for the Maine Service Centers Coalition.

Sincerely,



Christine Landes
Chairperson
Maine Service Centers Coalition

Enclosures (3)

MAINE SERVICE CENTER COALITION

**2021 Resolution for Membership and
Appointment of Voting Delegate Representative and Alternate**

BE IT RESOLVED that the _____
(City/Town Council or Board of Selectmen)

hereby authorizes membership in the Maine Service Center Coalition and designates:

(name) (position in municipality)

to be the appointed REPRESENTATIVE for the Maine Service Centers Coalition and is therefore authorized to vote at the Maine Service Centers Coalition business meetings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the designated ALTERNATE is:

(name) (position in municipality)

Dated

Attested To By:

Please return this Resolution as soon as possible to:

Maine Service Centers Coalition
c/o Theresa Chavarie, Manager, Member Relations
Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive
Augusta, Maine 04330
E-mail: tchavarie@memun.org