

Approved Jan. 10, 2022

**TOWN OF THOMASTON  
SELECTBOARD  
MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2021**

Executive Session at 5 P.M.

Regular Meeting 6 P.M.

Board Present: Chair Diane Giese, Bill Hahn, Sandy Moore, Pete Lammert, Zel Bowman-Laberge, Town Manager Kara George, Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson.

Public Present: Brian Doyle, Cindy Bertocci.

Meeting called to order at 6pm by Chair Diane Giese.

Motion made by Bill Hahn to use the Breen Amendment. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to take the agenda out of order.

VOTE: 5-0.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discuss forming a Fire/EMS building committee per the request of the Town Manager.**

This has been a discussion for several years. The Thomaston fire station is not in good shape. Whether to get a new building or upgrade the existing one. Bill Hahn stated that the Town of Thomaston is 10 years overdue for a new building. The building needs to be bigger so personnel can spend the night and also planning for the future needs to be considered. Town Manager Kara George will meet with the Department Heads to set up a committee.

**ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to have the Town Manager set up a committee and start sharing ideas. Seconded by Diane Giese.**

VOTE: 5-0.

**B. Review the Midcoast Community Internet Coalition Guiding Principles per the request of Brian Doyle, Economic Development Specialist.**

Brian Doyle stated the need for better connections in the area. A Utility Program that money wise would be comparable to Spectrum. You would need a skill set to manage the utility. Education on BroadBand is needed.

**ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to support the Guiding Principles of the Internet Coalition. Seconded by Diane Giese.**

VOTE: 5-0.

**C. Review the request of the Comprehensive Plan Committee to review recommended Land Use Ordinance amendments.**

Cindy Bertocci (member of the Comp. Plan) stated that the Comp. Plan Committee would like to know that the Board of Selectpersons are ensuring the changes to the Land Use Ordinances are in line with the Comp. Plan. Changes in the ordinances guide us to the goal of the Comp. Plan. Also to help to monitor progress with the Planning Board and the Code Office. To pursue the role of the Comp. Plan as outlined. Town Manager Kara George stated that the Comp. Plan Committee does not have the same authority as the Planning Board. The Comp. Plan Committee is an advisory board only to the Planning Board and the Code Officer.

**ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to confirm the role of the Comp. Plan Committee and also the Planning Board and the Code Office. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.**

**VOTE: 5-0.**

**D. Discuss what to do with town-owned property located on 78 Dexter Street.**

The land is a very small parcel. 0.3 acre. Assessed value is \$16,500.

**ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge contact Dragon Products to see if they have any interest in the parcel. Seconded by Pete Lammert.**

**VOTE: 5-0.**

**E. Consider repealing the Conservation Commission and Personnel Committee Ordinances at the June Town Meeting.**

Sandy Moore stated the Conservation Committee Ordinance had not been updated since 1996.

**ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to repeal the Conservation Committee Ordinance. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.**

**VOTE: 4-1-0. (Sandy Moore abstained)**

**ACTION: Motion made by Sandy Moore to repeal the Personnel Committee Ordinance. Seconded by Bill Hahn.**

**VOTE: 5-0.**

**F. Confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Deputy Clerk & Deputy Tax Collector Sally Fuller.**

**ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to confirm the appointment of Sally Fuller. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.**

**VOTE: 5-0.**

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**\*\* A request has been made to the Town Office Staff to use our name when answering the phone.\*\***

### **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**

Consider authorizing the expenditure of \$314,862.93 towards the renovation project at the OHHST Cooperative Transfer Station from the Solid Waste Facility Reserve.

Zel Bowman-Laberge is the Town's member on the Board. She will provide the Board with monthly updates in regards to the project. It was recommended that the Town of Thomaston hold the building permit check until notification from the Planning Board.

**ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to authorize the expenditure of \$314,862.93. Seconded by Bill Hahn.**

**VOTE: 4-0-1 (Zel Bowman Laberge abstained).**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on when the Board could go back to the In Person meetings. Hybrid is becoming too difficult.

**ACTION: No decision made. Review at a later date.**

Motion made to adjourn at 8:30 pm by Bill Hahn. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

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Chair Pete Lammert

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Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson