

**Town of Thomaston
Selectboard Minutes
March 22, 2021**

Executive Session 5:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Pete Lammert.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discuss the road named “William King Street” per the request of Dave Martucci.

All streets must have an address for 911. Planning Board ordinance requires a name. William King Street was built in 2011-2012. This was reviewed in 2012 by the Selectboard and tabled. The plan is to eventually build the road. Dave has to assign a name to the road and number the building. Zel suggested the road should continue thru so that events would have room for Emergency Vehicles. Diane thought this would be as good opportunity for an historical sign. Zel also asked if the Town plowed. The Prison plows it now and that will not change.

Motion by Zel Bowman-Laberge to name the “ William King Street’ . Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 4-0

B. Advertising property at 39 Knox Street, in accordance with Article 24 of the 2019-2020 Town Meeting Warrant.

Motion to table the this due to Owner redeemed by Zel Bowman-Laberge, seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

C. Request for Proposal (RFP) for parks as submitted by John Fancy.

Town Forest Trail is used frequently. Always at least ½ dozen cars in the parking lot. More people are using the trails now. Sandy Moore has been working on getting the Wadsworth St Bridge area as a park. The Town needs to find a suitable firm to help

develop a plan. John has researched 9 firms that have done prior work such as this. He will send out RFP's to all. Along with the parks the Thomaston Green should be included. Conservation Committee has suspended all activities at this time until the goal is determined by the chosen firm. Zel feels the Thomaston Green Task Force should be involved in any developments. John Fancy stated that it would cost approximately \$23,000. There are surveys in the community.

Jon Eaton – The Comp. Plan called for a Masterplan for Parks and Trails. Citizens would also want this.

The Maine Bureau of Parks and Public Lands do have grant money available. APP due the end of May 2021. This would be with matching funds. Zel stated the Town should only move forward with grant money. Diane said it would be a Warrant Article.

Diane asked Sandy if the Conservation Committee would have to suspend the committee or just not have any meetings. Sandy stated that the Ordinance states they must meet once a month.

Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to move forward with the RFP's, seconded by Bill Hahn.

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

Sandy asked if the Board should appeal the ordinance of the Conservation Committee. Keep the one we have until we get a clear direction.

Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge not to have the Conservation Committee ordinance on the warrant. Seconded by Bill Hahn.

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

D. Authorize the Town Manager to sign the Maine Municipal Bond Bank letter for the Solar Array financing.

Motion made by Diane Giese to authorize the Town Manager to sign the acceptance letter, seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

E. Authorize the Town Manger to sign the contract with DEP for \$125,000 in grant funds for Beechwood Street culvert replacement.

Motion made by Bill Han to authorize the Town Manager to sign the DEP contract. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

F. Review for approval the Economic and Community Development Committee Policy.

Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the ECDC Policy. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 5-0.

G. Consider the annual appointment of Caroline Ward-Nesbit as Head Librarian, in accordance with the Library Board of Trustees Ordinance.

Motion made by Diane Giese to appoint Caroline Ward-Nesbit as Head Librarian. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

H. Accept with regret the resignation of Melissa Reynolds from the Planning Board.

Motion made by Bill Hahn to accept the resignation of Melissa Reynolds from the Planning Board with regret. Seconded by Sandy Moore. Kim Matthews will take Melissa Reynolds place on the Board.

VOTE: 5-0.

3. Approve the minutes of September 28, 2020 with changes.

Motion made by Bill Hahn to accept the minutes of September 28th with changes. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 5-0.

4. Approve the Warrants.

Motion made by Sandy Moore to approve the Warrants. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

5. Adjustments to the Agenda: The Circus will be here from July 23-25.

Motion made by Sandy Moore, seconded by Bill Hahn to have the Zerbini Family Circus here in July. Town Manager Kara George will contact them in regards to the CDC guidelines.

VOTE: 5-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Sandy Moore, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chair Pete Lammert

RC Donna Culbertson