

Approved Jan 10, 2022

Town of Thomaston
Select Board Minutes
April 12, 2021

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

Public: Charlie Grover, Dave Martucci, Joanne Richards.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to go into Public Hearing made by Sandy Moore. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

A. To hear comment on Article 31: Shall Chapter 7, Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance be amended by the additions of Permitted and Conditional Uses as proposed by the Thomaston Planning Board?

Bill Hahn suggested that apartment buildings should be removed from the Resource section of the ordinance. He also strongly recommended adding multi-unit structures in. Assessors Agent Dave Martucci stated it would not change the limitation on the size of the structure. He also stated that the ordinance should say: Allow more than one dwelling unit within the square footage. Planning Board Chair Joanne Richards stated that the Comp. Plan was pushing for affordable housing in Thomaston.

B. To hear comment on Article 32: Shall Chapter 7, Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance be amended by the addition of ARTICLE VIII ENERGY SYSTEMS, Section 758 Solar Energy Systems as proposed by the Thomaston Planning Board?

No Comments

C. To hear comment on Article 33: Shall Chapter 10, Definitions be amended by the additions and deletions of definitions as proposed by the Thomaston Planning Board?

Assessors Agent Dave Martucci stated that A/C – type of current delivered to homes should be alternating.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to close the Public Hearing on Articles 31, 32 and 33. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

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Motion made by Bill Hahn to use the Breen amendment. Seconded by Sandy Moore to take the agenda out of order.

VOTE: 5-0.

G. Consider appointing Janet Dwelley to the Academy Board of Trustees as recommended by the Trustees.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to appoint Janet Dwelley to the Academy Board of Trustees. Seconded by Bill Hahn.

VOTE: 5-0.

E. Consider the request of Daryl Hahn to have a Community Picnic at the Thomaston Green and bandstand on May 30th & for the Watts Hall Community Players to use the Thomaston Green and Bandstand on July 2nd and 3rd.

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to accept the request of the Daryl Hahn and the Watts Hall Community Players for the use of the Thomaston Green. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

A. Review for approval the Lowes Settlement Agreement as recommended by Town Attorney Paul Gibbons.

Assessors Agent Dave Martucci stated that Lowes wants a reduction from 14mill – 11mill. A refund of \$68,770. The building is deteriorating. The roof leaks. The suggestions is to reduce the mill rate to 13 which is a normal depreciation. No rebate suggested.

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to approve the Lowes Settlement Agreement. Seconded by Bill Hahn.

VOTE: 5-0.

H. Accept with regret the resignation of Jane Weintraub from the Conservation Commission.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to accept with regret the resignation of Jane Weintraub from the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Bill Hahn.

VOTE: 5-0.

I. Consider for appointment Jane Weintraub to the Economic Development Committee.

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ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to appoint Jane Weintraub to the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Bill Hahn.

VOTE: 5-0.

B. Broadband discussion to bring high speed fiber optic to Thomaston.

Town of Thomaston will join the other towns with the process. Fiber optic being offered to every house. No outages like Spectrum. No slow internet during peak times. Diane Giese asked about repairs. A feasible study will be done. \$100,000 for all towns. 4 towns. Each town will pay a portion. Summer/Fall 2021. Zel Bowman-Laberge asked why Lincolnville was not included. They have their own thru Tidewater Telcom. Economic Development Director Brian Doyle suggested bringing in a consultant to go over choices. Brian Lepold is who Brian suggested. There would be a charge to have a Zoom meeting with him. Charlie Grover felt nervous about the commitment piece. The information needs to be very clear before we proceed.

ACTION: Motion made be Bill Hahn to proceed with the Interlocal Agreement but first to have a workshop with a consultant. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 5-0.

D. Approve the final Town Meeting Warrant (FY 2022) for approval.

No discussion.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to approve the final Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

F. Accept the Academy Lease Agreement with Sherri's School of Dance for a period of two (2) months at \$400 per month.

Bill Hahn stated that the Trustees for the Academy and Watts Hall will be handling the leases. A fee schedule with be set for each building.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to accept the lease agreement with Sherri's School of Dance and to set a fee schedule for each building. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

J. Review opening plans for the Town Office and discuss how future meetings are held.

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Sandy Moore suggested the Board go back to in person meetings. Zoom meetings are too difficult to hear others when speaking. Town Manager Kara George will be checking into a company that provides Town Hall Streaming. The cost would be \$150 a month for unlimited use and \$120 for 3 meetings a month.

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge made a motion to resume to in person meetings the first of May and to have the Town Manager set up a meeting with Town Hall Streams to have the camera installed in the Select Board room for future meetings. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

3. Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021 as amended. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 5-0.

4. Motion to approve the warrants made by Diane Giese. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Noreen Mullaney requested that an Ordinance be adopted by the Town and placed on the next Town Warrant for a pesticide use and what should and should not be used in people's yards.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT

Approve the low bid of \$4,812 from K5 Corp for centerline painting as recommended by Public Works Director Brandon Allen.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the low bid of \$4812 from K5 Corp. for the centerline painting. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 5-0.

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm made by Pete Lammert. Seconded by Bill Hahn.

Chair Pete Lammert

Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson