

**Town of Thomaston
Select Board
Minutes
May 10, 2021**

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: 5:00 PM

Board Present: Pete Lammert, Diane Giese, Bill Hahn, Zel Bowman-Laberge, Sandy Moore, Town Manager Kara George, Town Attorney Paul Gibbons

ACTION: Sandy Moore made a motion, seconded by Bill Hahn to enter executive session at 5:02 p.m., pursuant to MRS Title 1, §405 (6E), for consultations with the Town Attorney. **VOTE: 5-0**

ACTION: Diane Giese made a motion, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to exit executive session at 5:58 p.m. **VOTE: 5-0**

SELECT BOARD REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Chair Pete Lammert.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

Review the renewal application of Dirty Rocks, LLC dba The Block Saloon for the consideration of an on-premises license to sell Malt Liquor, Wine and Spirits at the property located at 173 Main Street as required by Section 653 Title 28-A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to enter the Public Hearing. Seconded by Diane Giese. **VOTE: 5-0.**

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn, seconded by Diane Giese to exit the Public Hearing. **VOTE: 5-0.**

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to grant the on-premise license to sell Malt Liquor, Wine and Spirits to Dirty Rocks, LLC dba The Block Saloon. Seconded by Diane Giese.
VOTE: 5-0.

ACTION: The Breen Motion was made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to take the agenda out of order. Seconded by Bill Hahn. **VOTE: 5-0.**

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider awarding the lowest road sand bid of \$9,200 to D.R. Flagg & Sons and the lowest road salt bid of \$26,100 to New England Salt Co. per the recommendation of Public Works Director Brandon Allen.

ACTION: Motion to accept the low road sand bid of \$9,200 to D.R. Flagg and the low salt bid of \$26,100 to New England Salt made by Diane Giese. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.
VOTE: 5-0.

B. Review the Parks and Trail Masterplan Request for Proposals (RFPS).

Five (5) RFPs were received for the Parks and Trail Masterplan. The Masterplan will take approximately 6 months to complete. This project can be funded by Dragon TIF money. On Wednesday, May 12th, John Fancy meets with the Friends of the Thomaston Green for a Zoom meeting. Zel Bowman-Laberge recommended holding off on accepting RFPs until the Task Force comes together. Bill Hahn stated that if the Town is going to pick a contractor, we should do it now rather than later. Zel stated the Green Task Force should be involved in picking the contractor. A Special Town Meeting will be held to approve spending Dragon TIF funds for the project.

The Board made individual preliminary votes on the RFPs received:

VOTE:

Sandy Moore – Landmark
Zel Bowman-Laberge abstained due to involvement with the Task Force.
Bill Hahn – Landmark
Diane Giese – Landmark
Pete Lammert – Landmark
John Fancy- Landmark

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to accept the RFP from Landmark Corporation and RS Leonard Landscape Architect. The final Masterplan will be submitted to the voters for approval. Seconded by Sandy Moore. **VOTE: 5-0.**

C. Consider the request of Trekkers to hold their annual Thomaston Trek 5K/Walk Run event on Sunday, June 6, 2021.

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to approve the Trekkers 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Seconded by Bill Hahn. **VOTE: 5-0.**

D. Discuss the 4th of July events per the request of Select Board Member Sandy Moore.

Organizers Michael Mayo and Brooke Stevens stated there are no 4th of July events again this year. The house decorating contest will take place again. The Watts Hall Community Players may have an event in Watts Hall with a limited audience. Diane Giese stated that there may be a Farmers Market on the Thomaston Green July 9th and 10th. Details to follow.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss the next steps with broadband and the Midcoast Internet Coalition.

Bill Hahn suggested the Town does not sign the contract as its currently written. It does not include enough information. There is no support for entering into the agreement. What is the cost and what do we get? The Board requested Town Manager Kara George send a letter to Midcoast Internet Coalition regarding the expectations from the Town.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to hold off on signing the document and to have the Town Manager compose a letter to the Coalition regarding the concerns of the Select Board. Seconded by Diane Giese. **VOTE: 4-0-1**

5. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT

Approved January 10, 2022

Consider applying for the Northern Borders Regional Commission 2021 Economic and Development Investment Grant and authorizing the Town Manager to sign applicable grant application documents.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to authorize the Town Manager to sign the applicable grant application documents for Northern Borders Regional Commission. Seconded by Diane Giese.
VOTE: 5-0.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF: April 26, 2021

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021, as amended made by Diane Giese. Seconded by Bill Hahn. **VOTE: 5-0.**

4. APPROVE THE WARRANTS

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to approve the warrants. Seconded by Sandy Moore.
VOTE: 5-0.

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (See attached.)

A brief discussion was held on having a Pesticide Workshop after the Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Chair Pete Lammert

Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson