

TOWN OF THOMASTON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
MAY 24, 2021

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS 5:00 PM

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

Public: Brandon Allen, John Fancy, Chris Farthing, Beth Anthony, Paul Gibbons, Amy Drinkwater, Joanne Richards, Town Clerk Melissa Stevens.

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM

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

Motion to go into Public Hearing (1) made by Sandy Moore, seconded by Diane Giese.
VOTE: 4-0.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. To hear public comment on deeming the condemned property located at 362 Pleasant St as a dangerous building. Attorney Paul Gibbons affirmed that the trailer is dangerous. Bill Wasson has submitted paperwork to the courts to be condemned and torn down. There will be a civil action brought against the building. Bill Perry spoke to the board. He did not know he had been served. He has health issues. Peter Drum attorney for the trailer park stated he agrees that the trailer should be demolished. Attorney Paul Gibbons stated the Town should move forward with the demolition of the trailer. The Town will be responsible for the demolition of the trailer.

ACTION: Motion made by Sandy Moore to proceed with the court hearing and to demolish the trailer at 362 Pleasant Street. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 4-0.

Motion made by Diane Giese to come out of the Public Hearing. Seconded by Sandy Moore. VOTE: 4-0.

**Motion made by Diane Giese to go into the Public Hearing, seconded by Zel Bowman-LaBerge. 6:40pm
Vote: 4-0.**

B. To hear public comment on the retail marijuana license application of Green Alien Cannabis Co. located at 155 New County Road, pursuant to Thomaston Ordinances, Chapter 7, Land Use, Section 716.16.7.3. Joanne Richards, Chair of the Thomaston Planning Board stated that Mark Crockett, owner of the Green

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Alien Cannabis had been before the Planning Board and had been approved to open and operate said Facility.

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese, seconded by Sandy Moore to approve the marijuana license application as submitted by Mark Crockett and approved by the Thomaston Planning Board.

VOTE: 4-0.

Motion made by Diane Giese, seconded by Sandy Moore to come out of the public hearing at 6:43pm.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review for approval the Comstar Ambulance Billing Service contract as recommended by EMS Chief Amy Drinkwater.

Amy explained to the Board the process of the Ambulance billing thru Comstar with the Board. We will switch over to Comstar as of July 1, 2021. TG Higgins is closing their business.

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to have Comstar do the Thomaston Ambulance billing as of July 1, 2021.

VOTE: 4-0.

B. Review the request of the Academy Board of Trustees to expend an estimated \$19,286 from the Academy Reserve to repair the bell tower.

Chris Farthing stated the crown molding on the outside of the tower has been leaking for several years. Maine Coast Construction will do the repair work. This time it will be repaired with PVC piping which will last longer. A cherry picker will be needed to reach the tower. It is estimated to cost up to \$25,000.

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to approve expending up to \$25,000 for repairs to the bell tower. Seconded by Zel Bowman-LaBerge.

VOTE: 4-0.

C. Consider accepting the lowest paving bid from All States Construction Inc. for 7390 tons of asphalt at a cost of \$94,739.80 as recommended by Public Works Director Brandon Allen.

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Brandon informed that Board the paving is for West Meadow Road. All States owns their own plant in Windsor.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to accept the low bid from All States for paving West Meadow Road. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 4-0.

D. Consider accepting the 2021 Project Canopy Grant of \$7,975 from USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Sandy Moore informed the Board that the Grant would be a 50% match. The Public Works Dept. will do the work of planting the trees which will meet the match. Diane Giese asked if the PW Dept. had the time. Brandon Allen said he would make it work with his department. The grant is for 28 trees.

ACTION: Motion made by Sandy Moore to accept the Project Canopy Grant and make the 50% match. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 4-0.

E. Consider authorizing the expenditure of \$3,500 for an appraisal to be completed by Bucklin Appraisal LLC of the Kiln Parcel located off Wadsworth Street.

Sandy Moore applied for a grant from the Land for Maine's Future. The DOT appraisal that was done on the property did not meet the standards of an appraisal for the grant. This appraisal needs to be completed as it is contingent on the option for the grant to purchase the land.

ACTION: Motion made by Sandy Moore to have an appraisal done by Bucklin Appraisal LLC on the kiln parcel. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 4-0.

F. Approve the signature the FY 2021-2022 RSU #13 Budget Referendum Warrant for posting.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to approve the signature for RSU #13 Budget. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 4-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discuss the Thomaston Green Task Force and RFP for the Parks and Trails Masterplan.

Zel reminded the Board that there had been a Thomaston Green Task Force set up and that there had been 10 people who wanted to be on the committee. It was suggested that the applicants come and meet with the Board. Sandy Moore asked why would we hire a different landscape architect for the same job of developing our parks and trails. Zel suggested that the scope of the work be revised and the money and work could be divided amongst the groups. John Fancy suggested that both groups work together and that right now there is too many people. John and Zel will get together with all the interested parties and discuss how to all work together and maybe combine both groups.

3. Approve the minutes of: April 7, May 5 and May 13.

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes made by Diane Giese. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 4-0.

4. Approve the Warrants

ACTION: Motion made by Sandy Moore to approve the warrants. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 4-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm made by Sandy Moore. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

Chair Pete Lammert

Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson