

Approved Jan. 10, 2022

Town of Thomaston
Select Board Minutes
June 14, 2021

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

Public Present: Jane Farthing, Joanne Richards, Brian Doyle, Charlie Grover, Noreen Mullaney, Melissa Stevens, Tim Hynds, Gaylea Hynds, Scott Yakovenko, Attorney Paul Gibbons.

Meeting called to order by Chair Pete Lammert at 6 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to go into Public Hearing made by Bill Hahn. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge. VOTE: 5-0.

Review the renewal application of the Port Clyde Seafood Company DBA The Slipway for the consideration of an on-premises license to sell Vinous, Malt Liquor, and Spirits at the property located at 24 Public Landing as required by Title 28-A MRS, Section 653.

ACTION: Motion to approve the renewal application for Port Clyde Seafood DBA The Slipway with the revision on Page 5 of the application, nearest church should be the Thomaston Federated Church, made by Bill Hahn. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 5-0.

Motion to come out of the Public Hearing made by Bill Hahn, seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Swearing in of the newly elected officer to the Thomaston Select Board.

Town Clerk Melissa Stevens swore in Diane Giese to the Board. Pete Lammert sworn in to the Board of Assessing.

Nomination for Chairperson of the Thomaston Select Board.

ACTION: Zel Bowman Laberge nominated Diane Giese to the position. Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge, seconded by Bill Hahn.

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ACTION: Diane Giese nominated Pete Lammert as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Bill Hahn.

VOTE: 4-0-1.

Motion to use the Breen Amendment. Seconded by Diane Giese to take the agenda out of order.

VOTE: 5-0.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on the Kiln Parcel as requested by Sandy Moore.

Sandy Moore is working with the State on the property particulars. Conditions still need to be met. The grant pre-approval in place. Title work and appraisal need to be done.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to limit the amount of title work and closing fees to \$6,000. Seconded by Pete Lammert.

VOTE :5-0.

B. Discuss the proposed pesticide ordinance as requested by Sandy Moore.

There are Maine laws in place banning certain chemicals that residence use. Each Town has to develop their own ordinance. A letter should be drafted to the Legislature. Developing an ordinance for the Town of Thomaston may be difficult and hard to regulate. Workshop planned Monday June 23rd at 6 pm for further discussion.

C. Discuss the Thomaston Green Task Force & Steering Committee to work on the Parks & Trails Masterplan.

Funding is still a question. Monday June 28th there will be a meeting to discuss the options. Economic Development, TIF funds. Option to hire a consultant to cover the masterplan with a contract.

9. NEW BUSINESS

B. County ARP Funds Presentation from County Commissioner Dorothy Meriweather.

American Rescue Plan. What is the direction of spending the money.

1. Health needs

2. Workers working during COVID

3. Reduction in revenue due to COVID

4. Investments in Water, sewer, broadband infrastructure, housing, economic development. The county has not had a chance to discuss the needs and goals of the county.

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C. Set a workshop date to discuss the use of Thomaston's anticipated ARP Funds.

Workshop set for June 23rd at 6pm.

D. Authorize the Town Manager to sign a contract with Dirigo Bridge Company to replace the culvert on Beechwood Street for a sum not to exceed \$250,000.

ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert to authorize the Town Manger to sign the contract with Dirigo Bridge Company after it has been reviewed by town attorney Paul Gibbons. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

E. Consider the request for a Community Picnic/Music Event at the Thomaston Green on July 4th per the request of Pete Lammert.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the request of Pete Lammert. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

F. Consider the request of Bob Pease to use the Thomaston Green on September 18th (rain date September 19th) for the Maine State Prison Employee Reunion.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the request to use the Thomaston Green on September 18th. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

G. Review for approval the AD-Hoc Fire/EMS Building Committee Directive.

ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert to approve the Fire/EMS Directive as submitted by Town Manger Kara George. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge.

VOTE: 5-0.

H. Consider the appointment of Dwight Jones (DJ) to the Harbormaster position as recommended by the Harbor Committee, Police Chief and Town Manager.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the appointment of Dwight Jones to the Harbormaster position. Seconded by Sandy Moore.

VOTE: 5-0.

I. Discuss the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation Interlocal Agreement.

Attorney Paul Gibbons stated that he felt the Town should not sign the agreement until the by-laws have been established. The cost is \$15,000 per charter member for the feasibility study. Attorney Gibbons that Town Manager Kara George should only sign the agreement for the study only and he felt that the agreement is not in good order.

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ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to submit a letter with Exhibit C. Seconded by Diane Giese.

VOTE: 2-0.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to spend \$15,000 to do a study. Seconded by Sandy Moore

VOTE: 5-0.

4. Approve the Warrants.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn, seconded by Pete Lammert to approve the warrants.

VOTE: 5-0.

7. Town Boards & Committees Update.

ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Economic Development Director Brian Doyle to the MCDD board replacing Bill Hahn.

Motion made by Bill Hahn, seconded by Pete Lammert.

VOTE: 5-0.

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

Chair Pete Lammert

Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson