

**Town of Thomaston
Select Board Minutes
July 12, 2021**

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

Present: Chair Diane Giese, Vice-Chair Peter Lammert, Bill Hahn, Zel Bowman-Laberge, Sandy Moore, Town Manager Kara George, and Town Attorney Paul Gibbons

ACTION: Peter Lammert made a motion, seconded by Bill Hahn to enter executive session at 4:14 p.m. pursuant MRS Title 1, §405 (E) for consultations with the Town Attorney regarding the Midcoast Internet Development Agreement. VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to exit executive session at 4:27 p.m. VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to enter executive session at 4:28 p.m. pursuant to MRS Title 1, §405 (A) to discuss a personnel matter. VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to exit executive session at 4:56 p.m. VOTE: 5-0

REGULAR MEETING:

Select Board Present: Chair Diane Giese, Vice-Chair Peter Lammert, Bill Hahn, Zel Bowman-Laberge, Sandy Moore, Town Clerk Melissa Stevens, and Town Manager Kara George

Public Present: Christine Simmonds, John Fancy, Tim Hoppe, Bandon Allen, Peggy McCrea, Joanne Richards, Charlie Grover, Rod Grindell

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

ACTION: The Breen motion was made by Bill Hahn to take the agenda out of order. Peter Lammert Seconded. VOTE: 5-0

9A. Authorize the Town Manager to sign the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation Interlocal Agreement.

Town Attorney Paul Gibbons recommended additional language to Section 4.9 of the By-laws of the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation. The amendment includes the following language:

“The Corporation shall complete an engineering and feasibility study to determine the cost and feasibility of this project.

After completing the study, the Board of Directors shall develop a funding formula for the municipalities. This funding formula must be approved unanimously by all Member Municipalities, and upon approval, Member Municipalities shall be governed by it.”

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation Interlocal Agreement contingent on the inclusion of amendment 4.9 to the by-laws. Sandy Moore Seconded. VOTE: 5-0

9B. Authorize the Town Manager to sign and submit the application for the Local Road Assistance program (LRAP). The Town of Thomaston is to receive \$25,528 this year, a \$1,936 increase over last year.

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign and submit the application for the Local Road Assistance program (LRAP). Peter Lammert Seconded. VOTE: 5-0

9C. Consider for approval a Remote Participation Policy as recommended by MMA to enable Town Boards and Committees to hold remote meetings in case of an emergency or an urgent matter.

Joanne Richards asked if this would cover all Boards and Committees? Town Manager Kara George confirmed that it does.

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge made a motion to approve the Remote Participation Policy. Diane Giese Seconded. Vote: 5-0

9D. Discuss monthly reports from Department Heads per the request of Diane Giese.

Diane Giese stated that the Police, Fire, and Ambulance departments are excluded from monthly reports.

Peter Lammert shared an email report that comes from the Police Department reviewing total number of calls and type of calls the Police Department receives daily.

Chief Tim Hoppe stated he would add the Select Board and Christine Simmonds on the email list.

Charlie Grover suggested the reports go to Town Manager Kara George for her review and she could summarize the reports prior being submitted to the Select Board.

The Select Board agreed, and no motion was made.

3. Approve the minutes of: June 28, 2021

Minutes are to be amended to include the following: Add Quixada Moore-Vissing name as present at the Select Board Meeting and change the word from "test" to "text".

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge made a motion to approve the Amended June 28, 2021 Select Board minutes. Bill Hahn Seconded. VOTE: 5-0

6. Town Managers Report (Please see attached.)

7. Town Boards & Committees Update

A. Update on the Garden Club per the request of Sandy Moore.

Sandy Moore shared that the 10 members of the Garden Club are doing a great job and have a lot of garden space to maintain. The Club is always looking for additional members.

8. Public Comment

Charlie Grover commented that the Police Department is doing a great job policing.

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Diane Giese Seconded. VOTE: 5-0