

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, August 9, 2021**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

IN-PERSON AT 13 VALLEY STREET

**NEW! LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE OR BY VISITING:
https://www.townhallstreams.com/towns/thomaston_me**

EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:00 P.M.

- 1. Discussion on several Personnel matters.**

REGULAR MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- 3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF :**
- 4. APPROVE THE WARRANTS**
- 5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- 6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 7. TOWN BOARDS & COMMITTEES UPDATE**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 9. OLD BUSINESS**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Consider the request of Jane Karker , Maine Authors Publishing & Coop, to close a Portion of High Street for a Book Festival.**

- B. Discussion with Racheal Brown Ahearn as to the sewer lines on Beechwood St.**
- C. Review for approval the purchase of a new Wacker Neuson WL High Flow Wheel Loader as per the request by Public Works Director Brandon Allen.**
- D. Review for approval the slate of annual appointments.**

11. ADJOURN

UPCOMING DATES

Monday, August 9th thru Friday August 13th - RKO Audit

Monday, August 16th - 6 p.m. Executive Session

Tuesday, August 17th - 6pm Planning Board

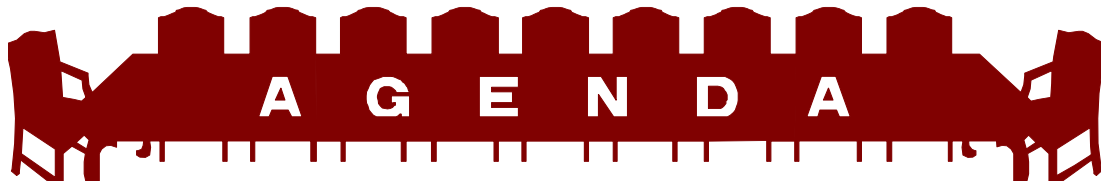
**Wednesday, August 18th, Mia Purcell, Community Concepts
2:00 – 3:00, Executive session with the Selectboard to follow.**

Monday, August 23rd – Selectboard mtg 6pm.

**Monday, August 23rd thru Wednesday, August 25th
Maine Dept. of Motor Vehicle training for local towns in the
Town of Thomaston Multi-purpose room.**

**Thursday, August 26 – Town Office staff training in Augusta
Town Office closed.**

Diane Giese – Zel Bowman-Laberge- Sandy Moore- Bill Hahn - Peter Lammert



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EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:30 P.M. TO FOLLOW THE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. Pursuant to MRS Title 1, §405 (E), for consultation with the Town Attorney regarding the Midcoast Internet Corporation Bylaws and the Walmart Tax Appeal.**

Missy Stevens

From: jane@maineauthorspublishing.com
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Missy Stevens
Cc: Tim Hoppe
Subject: Letter requesting AUG 9th AGENDA for street closure. Letter and brochure attached
Attachments: MAP_MBF_2021Flyer_OUTSIDE.pdf; Book Festival letter to Town of Thomaston.docx

Hi Mellissa, cc Tim Hoppe,

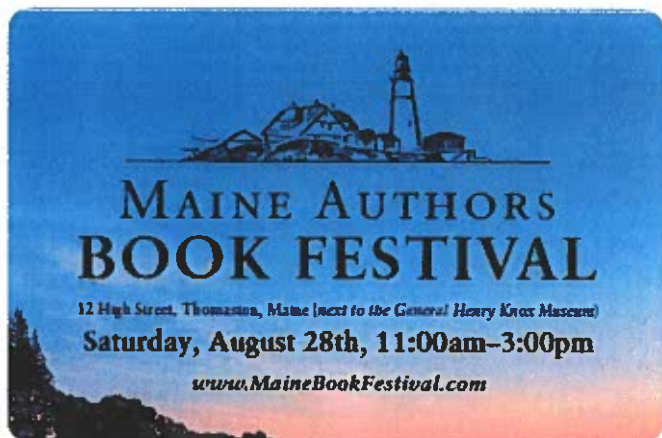
I have pasted below and also attached my letter of request put on the board AGENDA FOR AUGUST 9TH to close portion of High St for our book festival I have also attached the front of our brochure with a map. I will make every effort to find someone to attend the August 9th meeting or be there myself. I am schedule to be out of town beyond cell phone range. Our managing editor, Nikki Giglia with be available by cell to answer any questions at 207350-6268 in the event that we are unable to find a representative to be present (I will make every effort).

Please let me know you received this and if there is anything more I can do.

Jane Karker

Maine Authors Publishing & Cooperative 207-594-0091
Custom Museum Publishing, Inc.
12 High St., Thomaston, ME 04861

Vist our Maine Authors Book Festival!
Saturday, August 28th 11:00am to 3:00pm



7/29/21

Dear Town of Thomaston Board,

What & when: We are hold our second annual Maine Authors Book Festival on Saturday, August 28th from 11:00 to 3:00. . Again, we are asking for permission to block off the portion of High St in front of our building, extending to the other end in front of the General Knox Museum. We would like to block the street off by 10:30AM.

How: It worked well the first year. With the boards and stands provided by the Thomaston Police we put up signs to keep local traffic out but of course allowed room for cars to come in and out on both ends.

Why: We request this as a safety precaution because lots of patrons walk down the street to enter the festival and to use for parking. While cars are allowed in, the barriers prevent regular traffic and fast driving.

Again, like last year, The General Knox Museum has generously offer to let our patrons to use their parking lot and they cleared it with the new owners of the Cole House. I've talked to Bernie too (our new neighbor in the Cole House) about it and received his okay. I will mention it to him again as we get closer to the event.

Description of event: (see brochure front) We had 75 to 100 patrons our first year (2019, we cancelled in 2020 due to Covid19) and hope to have more visitors this year. The event has live music (acoustic folk, no amplification), 48 author signings, a food truck, free popcorn and the Coastal Children's Museum will hold a tent here again. Proceeds from some of the book sales and raffle money with go to the Maine Humanity Foundation's, Center for the Book. We usually will also raise money via a raffle for the Coastal Children's Museum.

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Jane Karker
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Thomaston, ME 04861
Cell 207-595-8005



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PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

11:30am-12:30pm



Seen Anything Good? A continuing story

With Don Reimer

Author, birder, and photographer DON REIMER will share photos and discuss his new book *Seen Anything Good?* Spanning six decades of personal memories and observations across Maine, the book features a broad array of bird-related topics, from basic identification skills, to bird ecology, behavior, migration, and conservation issues.

Following the presentation, Don will take questions about his book, and all matter of birds in general.

1:30am-2:30pm



The Life and Works of David Moses Bridges

With Donald Soctomah & Jean Flahive

"I've known the canoe since it was still in the tree."

David Moses Bridges, who sought to revive and reinvent traditional Passamaquoddy arts, was the tribe's most celebrated birch bark canoe maker. As a means to help preserve David's legacy, JEAN FLAHAVE and DONALD SOCTOMAH co-authored *The Canoe Maker*, and will share their magical tale of David and his young son practicing the ancient art and spirituality of building a traditional canoe.

LIVE MUSIC

CHILDREN'S AREA

AIDEN ROBINSON & OWEN MARMALADE



OWEN MARMALADE has performed and recorded with many of traditional music's top acts. In addition to being a respected performer, Owen is in demand at music camps throughout New England and the US, where he shares his approach to accompanying traditional music. AIDEN ROBINSON has played the fiddle most of his life. He plays mostly Irish tunes and traditional New England dance music.



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BOOK FEST



Park at the General Ames Museum lot on High Street

For more information please visit:
www.mainebookfestival.com



12 High Street, Thomaston, Maine 04861
207-594-0091 • info@maineauthorpublishing.com
www.maineauthorpublishing.com



A percentage of the day's sales will go to support the Maine Humanities Council's Harriet B. Henry Center for the Book.

MAINE AUTHORS PUBLISHING
BOOK FESTIVAL
Sat., Aug 28 • 11am-3pm

12 High Street, Thomaston

Free Admission!

Author Signings

Children's Area

Books for Sale

Browse Our Stacks

Live Music

Food Truck & Refreshments

Presentations

Raffle



John Fancy

From: Racheal Ahearn <rahearn@rsu13.org>
Sent: Friday, July 30, 2021 2:17 PM
To: Diane Giese; Peter Lammert; Sandy Moore; Bill Hahn; Zel Bowman-Laberge; Kara George; John Fancy
Subject: Re: Concerns regarding town sewer

Hello,
For anyone unable to open the attachment the letter is below.

July 30th, 2021

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Racheal Brown Ahearn. I bought the property at 103 Beechwood Street in June of 2014, which had been in my family for many years prior. Since that date, I have had the pleasure of living, working and growing my family in Thomaston. I am writing with my concerns regarding the out of date sewer system that runs up and down Beechwood street. I am at the unfortunate disadvantage that my home has the lowest point of sewer access on the line and has experienced multiple significant sewer back flows from the town sewer system. These sewer back flows look like raw sewage from the town line bubbling back into my lower level toilet and bathtub. There have been occasions where the raw sewage has impacted multiple rooms in my home. These sewer back flows are disgusting, smell repulsive and are dangerous to me, my husband and our young children.

The sewer back flowing has not only been an issue while I have owned the the property. Prior to purchasing the home in June 2014, my Grandfather, James Brown owned it. During his time owning the property there was a major sewer back flow that made it so the entire lower level of the home had to be completely gutting and renovated. At that time, my Grandfather did not seek any damages from the town, just claimed it through homeowners insurance. The most recent occurrence of sewage back flow happened July 12th, 2021. I spoke with John Fancy at Thomaston Pollution Control. Mr. Fancy and his crew came out to investigate and again found a blockage near the manhole cover at the Erin street and Beechwood street intersection. I was informed at that point by one of Mr. Fancy's crew member, that if I flushed my toilets more I wouldn't have this issue. This was quite offensive because there are multiple documented reports from Interstate Septic that the town line is out of code and the blockages keep occurring on town sewer line. To fix the sewer blockage Mr. Fancy had a firetruck come to flood the sewer line and break up the blockage.

This is just the most recent occurrence of sewer black flow, in my time as a Thomaston resident this has happen upward of ten times. I invite you to please review Mr. Fancy's records as well as pulling the records from Interstate Septic, the town has paid for each of Interstate Septics's visits due to the issue being on the town's line.

It is my understanding that there is a plan in place to fix the issues with the sewer lines but there isn't enough funding at this time. I am writing to say that if there is another sewer back flow that is at the fault of the town of Thomaston that I will be seek legal help with this matter. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Racheal Brown Ahearn
(207)691-1744

CC: John Fancy, Pollution Control Superintendent: Kara George, Town Manager: Diane Giese, Chairperson: Peter Lammert, Vice-Chairperson: Sandra Moore, Select Board: Bill Hahn, Select Board: Zel Bowman-Laberge

On Jul 30, 2021, at 11:27 AM, Racheal Ahearn <rahearn@rsu13.org> wrote:

Hi All,

Please find the attached letter with my concerns regarding the current sewer system in Thomaston. Please reach out to me via email or phone (207) 691-1744 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Racheal Brown Ahearn

<Sewer Concerns.pages>

To The Select Board: Diane Giese, Bill Hahn, Pete Lammert, Sandy Moore, Zel Bowman

Town Manager: Kara George

I Brandon Allen, as Public Works Director and Road Commissioner, am seeking approval to purchase a new Wacker Neuson WL High Flow Wheel Loader. This machine would be used all 4 seasons of the year maintaining the sidewalks and roadsides. This particular machine was brought to the attention of the Select Board 2 years ago and was compared to other options at the time. Due to funds at the time the purchase of this machine was put on hold until such funds became available. With the Route 1 project and other growth in town the mileage of sidewalks has increased substantially. Maintaining them with the current 12 year old compact tractor is becoming difficult. Also with the back Business Block improvements and added curbs this new commercial grade articulating machine will make snow removal more achievable.

In the past 2 years the funds are now available to purchase the Wacker Neuson WL Wheel Loader.

- 2019-20 Fiscal year an assigned fund of **\$30,000**
- 2020-21 Fiscal year has an available amount of **\$32,817.50** and **\$17,344.98**
- FEMA funds leftover from 2017 after the purchase of the 2018 International Dump truck **\$ 2,376.18**

A total amount available of **\$82,538.66** plus an additional **\$33,200.00** available in the current year's budget gives the ability to purchase the high flow winter package machine plus a hydrostatic v-plow and 48" Pronovost HF double auger snow blower.

I recommend the board make a motion to approve the Town Manager to purchase the Wacker Nueson WL High Flow Wheel Loader with the Hydrostatic V-Plow and 48" Pronovost HF Double Auger Snow Blower.

Thomaston Public Works Director/ Road Commissioner

Brandon Allen



Quotation

DATE 6/9/2021
 Quotation #

Thomaston Public Works

Quotation valid for 30 days:
 Prepared by: Jeff Moran

Quantity	Description	AMOUNT
1	2021 Wacker Neuson WL32 High Flow Winter Pkg. (60hp) included with machine: 24 month warranty Factory installed heat and air conditioning Hydraulic operated universal attachment plate 60" bucket with cutting edge Throttle control Slow speed control AM/FM radio with bluetooth and usb Narrow Winter Tires/Fender Kit for 48" Snowblower Wide Turf Tires/Fender Kit Air ride seat Rear hydraulics 7.9 gpm	\$70,431.00
1	48" Pronovost HF Double Auger Snowblower	\$17,655.00
1	60" Hyd. V-Plow	\$4,495.00
5.5% Sales Tax will apply where applicable		
TOTAL		\$92,581.00

Respectfully Submitted,

"All prices are subject to change without notice; all quotations and contracts are subject to readjustment or cancellation until formally accepted - prices in effect at time of shipment to prevail. If freight rates increase, we will increase freight amounts included in above price accordingly"

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Review for annual appointment the following positions:

Code Enforcement Officer & Local Plumbing Inspector	William Wasson
Alt. Code Enforcement Officer & Alt. Plumbing Inspector	Scott Bickford
E911 Addressing Officer	David Martucci
General Assistance Administrator	Jodell Benson
Alt. General Assistance Administrator	Kara George
Assistant Head Librarian	Melissa Harjula
Public Information Officer	Melissa Stevens
Thomaston Road Commissioner	Brandon Allen
Tax Collector	Donna Culbertson
Town Clerk	Melissa Stevens
Voter Registrar	Melissa Stevens
Treasurer	Jodell Benson
Thomaston Tree Warden	Peter Lammert
Animal Control Officer	William Demmons
Fire Chief	Mikial Mazzeo
Deputy Fire Chief	Jamie Leo
Assistant Fire Chief	Robert Coombs
Forest Fire Warden	Mikial Mazzeo
EMS Chief	Amy Dyer Drinkwater
Deputy EMS Chief	Carrie Adams
EMS Captain	JT O'Hare
Harbor Master	Dwight Jones
Police Chief	Timothy Hoppe
Police Detective	Christopher Hansen
Police Sergeant	Dwight Jones
Patrol Officer	Jarrold Leonardi
Reserve Patrol Officer	Tom Eagar
Reserve Patrol Officer	Matthew Elwell
Reserve Patrol Officer	Juan Alcala
Reserve Patrol Officer	Jamie Wilson
Recreation Director	Rene Dorr
Emergency Management Agency Director	JT O'Hare
Alt. Emergency Management Agency Director	Amy Dyer Drinkwater
Local Health Officer	Alan Leo

Review for appointment the following seats:

Academy Board of Trustees

**Thomas Mellor
Robert Snow**

Library Board of Trustees

**Janet Bosworth
William Dashiell
Harold Willey**

Watts Block Trustees

William Hahn

Board of Appeals

**Douglas Erickson
William Dashiell**

Budget Committee

**Joanne Richards
Ron Gamage
Charles Grover**

Harbor Committee

Joshua Rowan

Planning Board

**Joanne Richards
Kimberly Matthews
William Eustis, 1st Alt.**

Recreation Committee

**Janelle Eddy
Carol Arsenault**