

**TOWN OF THOMASTON
SELECT BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2021**

Executive Sessions

Board Present: Chair Diane Giese, Pete Lammert, Sandy Moore, Bill Hahn, Zel Bowman-LaBerge, Town Manager Kara George, PCD Superintendent John Fancy, Police Chief Tim Hoppe

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session at 5 p.m., pursuant to MRS Title 1, §405 (6A) to discuss a personnel matter. VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge made a motion, seconded by Bill Hahn to exit executive session at 5:39 p.m. VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge made a motion, seconded by Peter Lammert to enter executive session at 5:40 p.m., pursuant to MRS Title 1, §405 (6A) to discuss a personnel matter. VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge made a motion, seconded by Bill Hahn to exit executive session at 6:06 p.m. VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Diane Giese made a motion, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to close the Police Department for 7 days and request the assistance of Knox County for coverage. VOTE: 4-0-1 (Peter Lammert abstained)

Regular Meeting

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

Public: John Fancy, Joanne Richards, Kim Matthews, Charlie Grover, Brandon Allen, Jane Karker, Raechel Brown, Brian Doyle.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn, seconded by Pete Lammert to use the Breen amendment. VOTE: 5-0

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider the request of Jane Karker, Maine Authors Publishing, to close a portion of High Street for a Book Festival.

Montpelier and the Cole House have been contacted by Jane Karker for the Maine Authors Book Festival.

Jane requested to have the Police Dept. slow the traffic down. Police Chief Tim Hoppe recommended shutting the road down for the length of the festival, as thru traffic is too dangerous. Public Works Director Brandon Allen will provide barricades.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to close High Street down for the Maine Authors Book Festival, seconded by Pete Lammert. **VOTE:** 5-0

B. Discussion with Racheal Brown as to the sewer lines on Beechwood Street.

John Fancy reported that the Racheal Brown property is the lowest house connected to the sewer line on Beechwood Street. All the sewer line problems are within the first 1100 feet of the sewer line. John recommended replacing the first manhole and placing a second manhole 200 feet apart, which would eliminate the problem. This will be a fall project when Upper Beechwood Street is also shut down for the culvert replacement. There are currently two contractors interested in the sewer line project at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert to replace the lower Beechwood sewer line, seconded by Bill Hahn. **VOTE:** 5-0

C. Review for approval the purchase of a new Wacker Neuson WL High Flow Wheel Loader as per the request of Public Works Director Brandon Allen.

Brandon stated this new piece of equipment would be a commercial grade machine to clean the snow from the sidewalks and for sidewalk maintenance. The new equipment replaces the Kubota Tractor.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the purchase of the new Loader, seconded by Diane Giese. **VOTE:** 5-0

D. Review for approval the slate of annual appointments.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the slate of annual appointments. Seconded by Zel Bowman-LaBerge. (See attached list of appointments.) **VOTE:** 5-0

4. Approve the Weekly Warrants.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to approve the weekly warrants. Seconded by Zel Bowman-LaBerge. **VOTE:** 5-0

6. Town Manager Report

No report

7. Town Boards and Committees Update.

John Fancy stated the next Stakeholders Group meeting is Sept. 22, at 5:00 p.m.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn made by Bill Hahn. Seconded by Zel Bowman-LaBerge.

VOTE: 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Chair Diane Giese

Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson