

**TOWN OF THOMASTON
SELECT BOARD
October 25, 2021
Minutes**

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:30 P.M.

BOARD PRESENT: Diane Giese, Bill Hahn, Pete Lammert, Sandy Moore, Zel Bowman-Laberge, Town Manager Kara George

ACTION: Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore to enter executive session at 5:30 p.m., pursuant to MRS Title 36, §841, to review poverty abatement #21-2.

VOTE: 5-0

ACTION: Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to exit executive session at 5:45 p.m. **VOTE:** 5-0

ACTION: Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge to abate \$2,000 for poverty abatement #21-2.

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Chair Diane Giese.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

- A) For (Spirituos Vinous & Malt) Alcohol being served one time only on Saturday, December 5, 2021, from 6:00-9 p.m. at the General Henry Knox Museum for the Holiday Open House Benefit Party, per application as required by Section 653 Title 28-A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

ACTION: Motion to go into Public Hearing made by Bill Hahn. Seconded by Sandy Moore. **VOTE:** 5-0.

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion, seconded by Pete Lammert to exit public hearing. **VOTE:** 5-0

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to grant the General Henry Knox Museum a one-time permit for serving alcohol on December 5, 2021. Seconded by Sandy Moore **VOTE:** 5-0.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to use the Breen Amendment. Seconded by Bill Hahn. **VOTE:** 5-0

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Melody Pinkham-Kistner as full-time Patrol Officer.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to confirm the Town Manager's appointment of Melody Pinkham-Kistner as a full-time Patrol Officer. Seconded by Pete Lammert. **VOTE:** 5-0.

B. Confirm the appointment of Jamie Wilson as Reserve Patrol Officer.

ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert to appoint Jamie Wilson as Reserve Patrol Officer. Seconded by Bill Hahn. VOTE: 5-0.

C. Consider for appointment Seth Silverton of 77 Main Street to the Budget Committee.

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to appoint Seth Silverton to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Pete Lammert. VOTE: 5-0.

D. Authorize the Public Works Department to demolish the property located at 362 Pleasant Street per the court order, MRS Title 17, Section 2859, Dangerous Building at a cost of \$3,000.

The City of Rockland has authorized the Town of Thomaston to take all the demolition debris to the Rockland Transfer Station.

ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert to approve the demolition and costs associated with the 362 Pleasant Street property. Seconded by Sandy Moore. VOTE: 5-0.

E. Discuss the letter submitted by the Towns of Camden and Thomaston to the Knox County Commissioners.

The Select Board and the Town Manager supported the letter and agreed with the statements made by Attorney William S. Kelly on behalf of the Towns of Camden and Thomaston regarding the application process for ARPA fund grants.

No Action Taken.

F. Discuss the recommendation to place town owned land at the Pollution Control Department into conservation per the request of Select Board Member Bill Hahn.

Bill Hahn noted that by placing town-owned land into conservation, that approximately 25 acres would be available that is zoned Industrial on the east end of Town. The Town met with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to discuss placing the land under conservation. This would also remove the restriction on the Dragon land. Bill Hahn recommended placing a warrant article on the next town meeting warrant to place town-owned land into conservation.

ACTION: Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore to add a warrant article to the next town meeting warrant authorizing the town to place town-owned land into conservation. VOTE: 5-0

G. Reschedule the Fee Schedule Workshop

ACTION: A motion was made and seconded to reschedule the Fee Schedule Workshop to January 10, 2022, at 5:00 pm. VOTE: 5-0.

3. Approve the minutes of May 24, 2021

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021, as amended. VOTE: 5-0

4. Approve the warrants

Approved December 13, 2021

ACTION: Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore to approve the warrants. VOTE: 5-0

6. Town Manager's Report (See attached.)

7. Town Boards & Committees update

Zel Bowman-Laberge noted that Sheilagh Guyer and Ann Robison are gathering volunteers to decorate the trees with lights at the Mall.

Bill Hahn stated that all the Watts Block tenants have renewed their leases for the upcoming year.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM made by Pete Lammert. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge. VOTE: 5-0

Chair Diane Giese

Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson