

**Town of Thomaston**

**Select Board**

**November 8, 2021**

**Minutes**

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

**Public Present:** Anson Norton, Peggy McCrea, Susan Devlin, Frank Devlin, Joanne Richards, John Fancy.

Meeting called to order at 6 pm by Chair Diane Giese.

**ACTION: Pete Lammert made the Breen motion to take the agenda out of order. Seconded by Diane Giese. VOTE: 3-0.**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discuss next steps regarding the North Road Study.

John Fancy noted that the North Road project would be a partnership program between the Town and Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT.) There are federal funds available for such projects. Dirigo Engineering provided a conceptual map that shows the location of the road at Studley Lane and around Harjula Lane. Much more information is needed before anything is voted on.

Sandy Moore inquired whether Dirigo Engineering has talked to MDOT about the project. Further details of the plan are needed.

Bill Hahn inquired about the overall traffic impact over the next 10-15. John Fancy noted that MDOT would require an impact study.

Peggy McCrea stated that the project had been discussed and recommended by the Comprehensive Plan. We need to look to the future of our community.

Comments from the public included:

- The project should go to the Town voters
- We need to figure out the impact this would hold for our downtown businesses.
- There are more important things that need fixing in this town like the Fire Station.
- How would you make the trucks use this road and not keep going through town?  
Is there any indication of what the traffic flow will be?

**ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert to continue further studies. Seconded by Sandy Moore with the stipulation that more information needs to be gathered**

**between now and the town meeting vote. John Fancy to contact MDOT. VOTE: 4-0.**

B. Discuss the extension of the Economic Development Specialist Contract.

**ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn, seconded by Sandy Moore to table the discussion until the next meeting. VOTE: 4-0.**

C. Accept the resignations of Elizabeth Allen and Jessica Shepard from the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

**ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert, seconded by Sandy Moore to accept the resignations of Elizabeth Allen and Jessica Shepard with regret from the Comprehensive Plan Committee.**

**VOTE: 3-0**

3. Approve the minutes of October 13, 2021

**ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert, seconded by Sandy Moore to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> minutes with no changes. VOTE: 3-0.**

4. Approve the Warrants

**ACTION: Motion made by Pete Lammert, seconded by Sandy Moore to approve the warrants. VOTE: 3-0**

6. Town Manager Report (See Attached.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Chair Diane Giese

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Recording Secretary Donna Culbertson