



**SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 P.M.**

IN-PERSON AT 13 VALLEY STREET

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kgeorge@thomastonmaine.gov

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5:00 P.M.

Pursuant to MRS Title 35, Chapter 105, §803 to review poverty abatement request #22-1

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
- 3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF: February 14, 2022**
- 4. APPROVE THE WARRANTS**
- 5. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
- 6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 7. TOWN BOARDS & COMMITTEES UPDATE**
 - A) Recreation Committee Update- Rene Dorr**
 - B) Budget Committee Update**
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 9. OLD BUSINESS**

A) Discuss a digital community sign per the request of Diane Giese.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A) Consider the appointment of Chris Hansen as Sergeant and the reappointment of Caroline Ward-Nesbit as Head Librarian.

B) Accept with regret the resignation of Animal Control Officer Bill Demmons.

C) Review the sidewalk study as requested by Brandon Allen and John Fancy.

D) Discuss public transportation per the request of Diane Giese.

E) Discuss streaming services and audio for public meetings.

F) Consider the Annual Report Dedication- (Suggested: First Responders Dedication and Muriel Pinkham Memorial)

11. ADJOURN

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, March 15th

6 p.m. Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, March 17th

**9 a.m. Economic Development Committee
10 a.m. Board of Assessors
6 p.m. Budget Committee**

Thursday, March 24th

6 p.m. Budget Committee

Monday, March 28th

6 p.m. Select Board Meeting

Thursday, March 31st

6 p.m. Budget Committee

03/01

Knox Clinic

Met with Knox Clinic representatives to do a walk thru of the Municipal Building.

Maine Workforce Housing

Met with ME Workforce Housing to discuss their housing project and the next steps. Atty Gibbons is drafting an agreement with George Hall & an Option Agreement for the Select Board to review. ME Workforce Housing are going to meet with the Planning Board. The Attorney will also be drafting warrant article questions for the upcoming June town meeting related to this.

Dragon TIF Extension

The good news is that Jon has drafted all of the needed responses for our application to send to Tina Mullins at DECD. Another win for us is that DECD is extending the terms of the extension to run from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2033 which gains us an additional year for the extension. This is great news for us, especially because of the 6 month delay in the TIF extension application. This date change will not effect the project priorities in the extension. Once this extension is approved by DECD, our submitted project list is active. We will receive notification from DECD when the extension has been finalized and approved.

03/02

Sidewalk Discussion

I met with Brandon Allen and John Fancy to discuss Town sidewalks. A sidewalk study was completed in 2008 and has been updated for the Board's review so we do not have to recreate the wheel for discussion.

Knox Clinic

Met with Meredith Batley from Knox Clinic and Charlie Grover to prepare for the Knox Clinic and Thomaston's presentation to the Knox County Budget Committee and Commissioners.

03/05

The Cornhole Connection

I dropped by the Cornhole Connection's grand opening event and met one of the store owner's, Pennie Dostie. They are excited to be on Thomaston Main Street. They will be expanding their business to include leagues and they are interested in supporting next year's Cornhole Tournament here at the Municipal Building fields.

03/07

MDOT

Met with MDOT to discuss parking and safety issues at the corner of Wadsworth Street and Route 1. MDOT will approve the business use change contingent on the property owner expanding parking deeper into the lot to avoid vehicles blocking the sidewalk for pedestrians. They also recommended the shoulder being painted "no parking" and additional sidewalks along Wadsworth Street.

03/08

CDBG

Brian and I met with Deb Johnson from DECD (Department of Economic and Community Development) to discuss the funds that Thomaston has been holding that were originally for CDBG projects. The Town currently has \$136,509.80 left from the 2006 CDBG program. Now that the CDBG program is finished and the Town is no longer waiting on incoming payments back from the CDBG loans, we can decide best uses of the funds at a local level that are inline with its original intent. In other words, we can use it as charitable funds to assist folks that are of a certain income level. Deb recommended that we have an application and set up a program in a similar way to general assistance to help those in need.

From last year to current date, we have assisted 10 individuals in need from charitable funds with rent assistance, heat, vehicle repairs, and electricity. According to state guidelines, these individuals did not qualify for general assistance; however, they were in need and we were able to help them.

- 03/09 **Budget Committee**
We had our first Budget meeting and will be meeting for the next 3 Thursdays. The Budget Committee has requested the EMS, Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments to present their budgets over the next couple of weeks.
- 03/10 **FEMA Ongoing**
The Federal Government has extended 100% FEMA cost share through July 1, 2022. This program was established at the beginning of the pandemic and has been extended several times now. Who knows? It could be 3 or 4 projects for COVID Reimbursements.... I hope not.
- Maine Water Company**
I met with representatives from Maine Water Company— Mike Ames, Mark Vannoy, and Mike Cummons. They are anticipating a 3.4% water rate increase effective August 1st. I have budgeted a 4% wage increase in the Town's proposed budget to account for this. This means an increase from \$13,705.90 per month to \$14,171.90 per month for hydrant rental fees.
- 03/11 **Dragon CAP**
There is a Dragon CAP meeting scheduled for Friday and I will update the Select Board on Monday night.
- Solar Array Bond**
I have a meeting scheduled with John Fancy, Jodell Benson, and Donna Culbertson to discuss the new CMP billing. Billing has changed as the Town will be receiving credits for the electricity produced through the Solar Array.
- 03/14 **Department Head/Safety Meeting**
This meeting is Monday morning, but I will update the Board at Monday night's meeting. We plan to schedule a training session for all the Department Heads on how to use the new MMA Online Safety Training portal. We are continuing to work on a Cybersecurity Policy, as well, which is required for our insurance.

**Town of Thomaston
Select Board Minutes
February 14, 2022**

Board Present: Diane Giese, Pete Lammert, Bill Hahn, Zel Bowman-Laberge, Sandy Moore, Town Manager Kara George, Recording Secretary Melissa Stevens.

Public Present: Joanne Richards, Brian Doyle, Christine Simmonds of VillageSoup, Alan Leo, Anson Norton, Mandy Everett

Meeting called to order by Diane Giese at 6 P.M.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

To hear public comment on proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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| 1) Premium pay for First Responders (EMS, Fire, and Police)
March 2020 to June 30, 2021 | \$70,000 |
| 2) Stair-Pro Stryker Stair Chair for EMS Department | \$4,000 |
| 3) Axiom Feasibility Study for Broadband | \$15,000 |
| 4) Sewer Extension at Beechwood Street | \$25,000 |

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

Alan Leo suggested that the Thomaston Town Office staff be paid some sort of bonus pay. Alan gave examples of the abuse he witnessed the staff go through by customers in-person and on the phone. Alan suggested a onetime bonus for what the staff went through and for how well they handled the abuse.

ACTION: Motion to exit the Public Hearing made by Bill Hahn, seconded by Sandy Moore. **VOTE: 5-0.**

ACTION: The Breen motion was made to take the agenda out of order by Zel Bowman-Laberge. Seconded by Pete Lammert. **VOTE: 5-0.**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consider approving the proposed ARPA fund expenditures for First Responder premium pay, chair lift for EMS, Axiom Feasibility Study, and the sewer extension on Beechwood Street.**

ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds made by Zel Bowman-Laberge. Seconded by Pete Lammert. **VOTE: 5-0.**

- B. Appoint a Select Board Member and Alternate to the Cemetery Board of Trustees.**

ACTION: Motion made by Zel Bowman-Laberge to appoint Sandy Moore as the Select Board member and Bill Hahn as the Select Board alternate. Seconded by Diane Giese. **VOTE: 4-0-1. (Pete Lammert abstained.)**

C. Consider the appointment of Ron Gamage as Assistant Cemetery Sexton.
NOTE: Already done at a previous meeting.

D. Accept with regret the resignation of Dwight Jones as Police Sergeant.

ACTION: Motion made by Peter Lammert to accept with regret resignation of Dwight Jones as Police Sergeant. Seconded by Bill Hahn. **VOTE: 5-0.**

E. Authorize the Town Manager to sign the grant confirmation for the 2022 Mill River Multiuse Pathway project through MDOT.

Sandy Moore suggested that the Select Board go to the site for a visual of what the Pathway project would look like.

After continued discussion by the Select Board, Town Manager Kara George noted that the \$18,000 matching funds are not committed. There are existing sidewalks that need attention.

Diane Giese suggested a workshop on sidewalks in general.

ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion to not authorize the Town Manager to sign the grant confirmation for the 2022 Mill River Multiuse Pathway through MDOT. Seconded by Diane Giese. **VOTE 0-5**

F. Authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter to the Georges River Land Trust supporting the continued trails and pathways.

ACTION: Motion made by Bill Hahn to authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter to the Georges River Land Trust supporting the continued trails and pathways. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge. **VOTE 5-0**

G. Authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter of support on behalf of Sidecountry Sports for the \$25,000 SARIS Foundation Bike Park Grant.

ACTION: Motion made by Diane Giese to Authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter of support on behalf of Sidecountry Sports for the \$25,000 SARIS Foundation Bike Park Grant. **Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge. VOTE: 5-0**

H. Consider adopting Juneteenth (June 19th) as a federal holiday.

ACTION: Motioned by Peter Lammert to accept the adoption of Juneteenth as a federal holiday. Seconded by Bill Hahn. **VOTE: 5-0**

I. Review for approval the Town Rental Fee Schedule.

ACTION: Motioned by Zel Bowman-Laberge to accept as amended the Town Rental Fee Schedule. **Seconded by Diane Giese. VOTE: 5-0**

J. Review for approval the amended Remote Participation Policy.

Action: Motioned by Bill Hahn to accept the amended Remote Participation Policy. Seconded by Zel Bowman-Laberge. **VOTE: 4-1 (Diane Giese opposed.)**

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on housing and downtown Main Street per the request of Brian Doyle.

Brian Doyle stated that meetings are going well. He continues to make introductions.

Zel Bowman-Laberge asked if we would put to voters to sell some town owned property for a way to reduce taxes, i.e., the old swimming hole.

Diane Giese suggested another meeting that specifically would discuss town owned property that could be sold.

Brian Doyle mentioned that he has received good feedback concerning the parking behind the Business Block.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider approving the proposed ARPA fund expenditures for First Responder premium pay, chair lift for EMS, Axiom Feasibility Study, and the sewer extension on Beechwood Street.

Alan Leo spoke about the Town Office staff being included in the bonus pay from the ARPA fund as First Responders. Alan noted detail of abusive situations he witnessed by customers to the Town Office staff and the professionalism they showed.

Zel Bowman-Laberge responded that she witnessed a similar situation towards the Town Office staff and recommended the staff received \$1,000 each bonus pay.

Diane Giese amended that the Library staff be included in that pay.

Bill Hahn stated these are valid points and that they should meet at a different time to discuss who and how much. The Board requested further discussion at the next Select Board meeting.

3. Approve the minutes of: November 8, 2021.

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge motioned to approve the November 8, 2021, minutes. Seconded by Diane Giese. **VOTE: 5-0**

4. Approve the Warrants.

ACTION: Zel Bowman-Laberge motioned to approve the warrants. Seconded by Peter Lammert. **VOTE: 5-0**

6. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (See attached.)

8. Town Boards & Committees Update

Zel Bowman-Laberge reported the OHSTTT Solid Waste Board met and there is not enough money to complete the renovation project as designed due to raising costs. The bidder is willing to revise the project to get the cost down on the project; the goal is to not ask for any additional money. We will be asking for a revision to the Inter-local Agreement to change the fiscal year to align with the towns and hope to have it on the June ballot. The project has come in about \$250,000 over and OHSTT is looking for suggestions from the Select Board.

Sandy Moore gave an update on the acquisition of the property located on 83 Wadsworth Street for conservation and recreation purposes. MDOT has assigned a person to streamline everything, and it should be resolved by March/April.

Joanne Richards gave an update on the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings, and all is going extremely well. We are trying to address the housing issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Chair Diane Giese

Recording Secretary Melissa Stevens

- 1/25 **USDA Meeting**
Attended a meeting with Rhiannon Hampton from USDA at Watts Hall. She is interested in coordinating an indoor farmer's market for next winter. She also talked to us about grant opportunities for Watts Hall.
- 1/26 **Budget Meetings**
Reviewed the Tree Warden and the Public Works budgets with the PWD and Tree Warden.
- Knox Clinic**
Attended a meeting with representatives from Knox Clinic, Charlie Grover, Bill Hahn to discuss plans for the Knox Clinic in preparation for the next Knox County Budget meeting. The project is a high candidate for the ARPA Grant.
- 1/27 **FEMA**
Town of Thomaston was chosen for the Generator Grant. FEMA representatives will be in touch soon regarding next steps. Additionally, Jodell and I continue to meet weekly with FEMA for the next COVID reimbursement project.
- MIDC**
Attended the Midcoast Internet Development Corporation meeting with neighboring town managers to discuss the status of the broadband project at this time.
- Special Town Meeting**
Town of Thomaston held a special town meeting and all warrant questions passed. The warrant article authorizing transfer of TIF funds is on hold at this time until the TIF extension approval from the State is finished. There are items in the extension application that our Attorney needs to address.
- 1/28 **Budget Reviews**
Reviewed the Town Clerk budget with the Clerk. Reviewed electricity and bond expenditures with John Fancy.
- 2/2 **Harbor Committee**
Attended the Harbor Committee meeting to review their budget and to discuss the harbormaster vacancy. We have one interested applicant and their credentials have been forwarded to the Committee to review at this time.
- 2/3 **FEMA**
Attended another FEMA conference call with Jodell for the COVID reimbursement project.
- Parks & Trails Masterplan**
Attended a meeting with Architect Regina Leonard, representatives from Georges River Land Trust, Sidecountry, Rene Dorr, and John Fancy to discuss GRLT's future projects, needs, and collaboration. Regina used this meeting as a tool towards the Masterplan.
- 2/4 **Moderator**
Mandy and I met with Quixada Moore-Vissing to discuss facilitating the upcoming joint Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee meetings. Quixada is very professional and approachable. Unfortunately, the scheduled joint meetings conflicted with Quixada's schedule. She is happy to help us out in the future for meetings and would love to assist the Town.

- 2/8 **MMA's Legislative Process**
Attended an MMA webinar with Missy and Sally regarding the legislative process and upcoming proposed bills.
- Agenda Setting**
Met with Chair Diane Giese to draft the Select Board agenda
- Housing Meeting**
Attended a housing meeting with Maine Working Homes, Brian Doyle, Zel Bowman-Laberge, Diane Giese, Dave Martucci, and John Fancy. Dave compiled a list of potential developable properties in town for Maine Working Homes to consider in their next development project.
- 2/10 **FEMA AGAIN!**
- 2/11 **Library Budget**
Review the Library budget with Head Librarian Caroline.
- Mental Health**
Meeting with Jane Weintraub from the Economic Development Committee to discuss her ideas for using ARPA funds to support mental health.
- OHSTT Solid Waste Board Meeting**
Will be attending the OHSTT Solid Waste Board meeting that included all three towns. Will have more updates for Monday's SB meeting.



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Certificate of Appointment by Municipal Officers

To: **Caroline Ward-Nesbit**

Pursuant to: 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2601

The undersigned Municipal Officers of the Town of Thomaston hereby vote to appoint and confirm you as **Head Librarian**.

Your term of office is to expire on **March 14, 2023**.
Given under our hands this **14th day of March 2022**.

Diane Giese, Chair

Peter Lammert, Vice-Chair

Sandra Moore, Select Board

Zel Laberge-Bowman, Select Board

William Hahn, Select Board

Municipal Officers of Thomaston, Maine

Record of Oath

State of Maine
County of Knox, ss.

Personally appeared before me the above-named **Caroline Ward-Nesbit**, who has been duly appointed by the Thomaston Municipal Officers as the **Head Librarian** in said municipality, and took the oath necessary to qualify to perform the duties of office for the term specified above according to law.

Before Me,

Sally Fuller, Deputy Town Clerk

November 30, 2021

To Whom it may Concern,

I, William Demmons, as of *MARCH 8th 2022* must resign as Animal Control Officer due to unforeseen circumstances. It has been an honor to serve as your ACO.

William Demmons

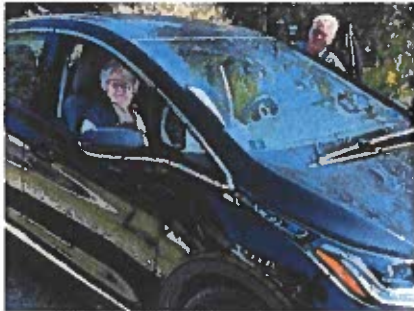
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FROM ALL OVER ST GEORGE

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Memo

To: Selectboard & Town Manager
From: John Fancy, Brandon Allen
Date: March 9, 2022
Re: SIDEWALK STUDY

In 2008 the Town retained Dirigo Engineering to do a study of our sidewalks and make recommendations on what we should be working on. The major items in that report were sidewalks on Main Street. These were constructed during the Main Street Rebuild Project in 2017. Since then we have added sidewalks behind the Business Block and in front of the Thomaston Green as well as a couple other short overlays and repairs.

We have worked with Dirigo to updated the 2008 study to remove what has been done and to integrate it with the forthcoming Parks & Trails Master Plan. This gives us a plan to move ahead with more sidewalk projects. The first five or so projects recommended to be done in the study may be taken out of order depending on the availability of funding.

There is currently grant funds available for trails and by designating the Village Trail we may be able to use some of these funds for sidewalks. The Town has a Sidewalk Reserve (currently about \$27,000) and is currently adding \$20,000 a year to it. This will allow Public Works to construct more sidewalks and help with the cost of contractors for work that Public Works can't do.

It is recommended that the Selectboard adopt this study as the Town's plan to guide us in sidewalk projects.

SIDEWALK EVALUATION REPORT
TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE

Dirigo Engineering and the Town of Thomaston

March 2022

Thomaston Sidewalks

NOTE: This report was originally prepared in 2008 and there have been considerable changes to the sidewalks since then. This 2022 revised report reflects these changes and provides an up-to-date program to plan for future sidewalk work.

Thomaston's sidewalk system supports heavy residential and tourist pedestrian traffic. Thomaston has more than 38,000 feet of sidewalks, comprised of a mix of asphalt and concrete. The sidewalks range in condition from poor to excellent with widths that range from 1' paths to 7 ½ foot concrete sidewalks with granite curbing.



In 2008 Dirigo Engineering, working with the Town of Thomaston, evaluated the existing sidewalks and described the condition, use, and need for improvements. They prioritize the needed improvements based on specific criteria, which is outlined herein. In addition, they have developed and included a Sidewalk System Map showing the location and type of sidewalks in Town.

The Town of Thomaston has recently completed a Parks and Trails Master Plan to provide planning for future upgrades and improvements to the Town's Parks and Trails. A primary recommendation includes significant upgrades to the Village Trail. This Trail begins where the Highland Path enters the Thomaston Green from the Town Forest, circles through the Thomaston Green, heads south on Wadsworth to Hyler Street, down Hyler to Knox, then along Gleason to Fish Street and connects to the Mill River Crossing path. In the future a loop off this will go down Knox across Thatcher and up Roxbury. A major portion of this trail will incorporate the use of sidewalks.

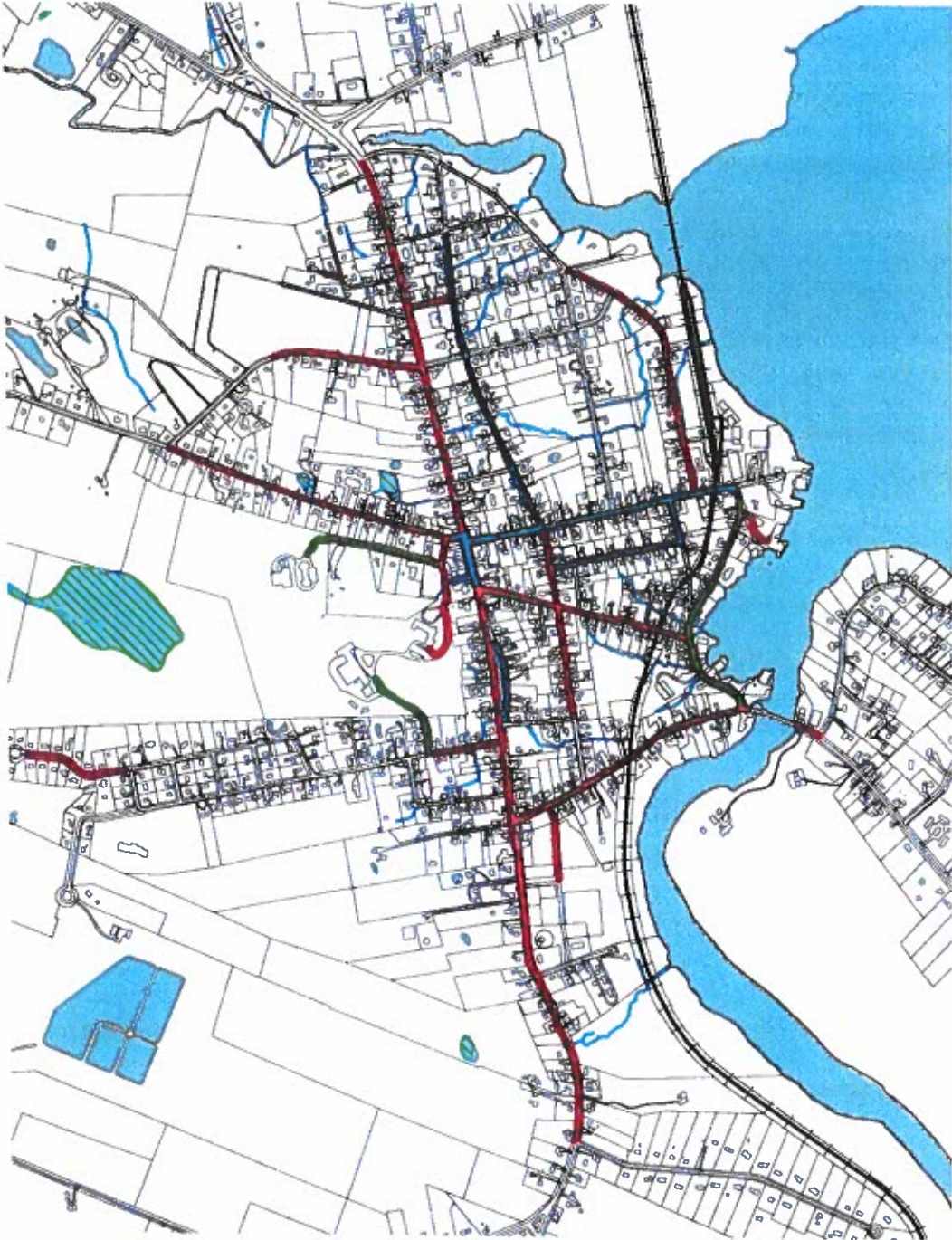
From data gathered in the 2021 survey done for the Parks and Trails Master Plan there is strong support for walking paths. When asked what recreation features have you used in the past 12 months, the two top vote getters were the Town Forest hiking and biking trails and the Village Trail. The Village Trail is a community trail that loops through Town and along the water front to provide the residents and visitors of Thomaston a closed loop trail for leisure walks, exercise, etc. The sidewalks along this trail should be in good condition with adequate width as its use is expected to be high.

This report incorporates the proposed Village Trail system into the sidewalk system and recommendations. Also provided is a brief discussion on the growth areas in Thomaston and where future sidewalks may benefit these areas.

Sidewalk System & Village Trail

On the following pages of this report are a Sidewalk Map of the Town of Thomaston and a map of the proposed Village Trail.

Sidewalk Map Red is asphalt sidewalks, blue is concrete and green are painted



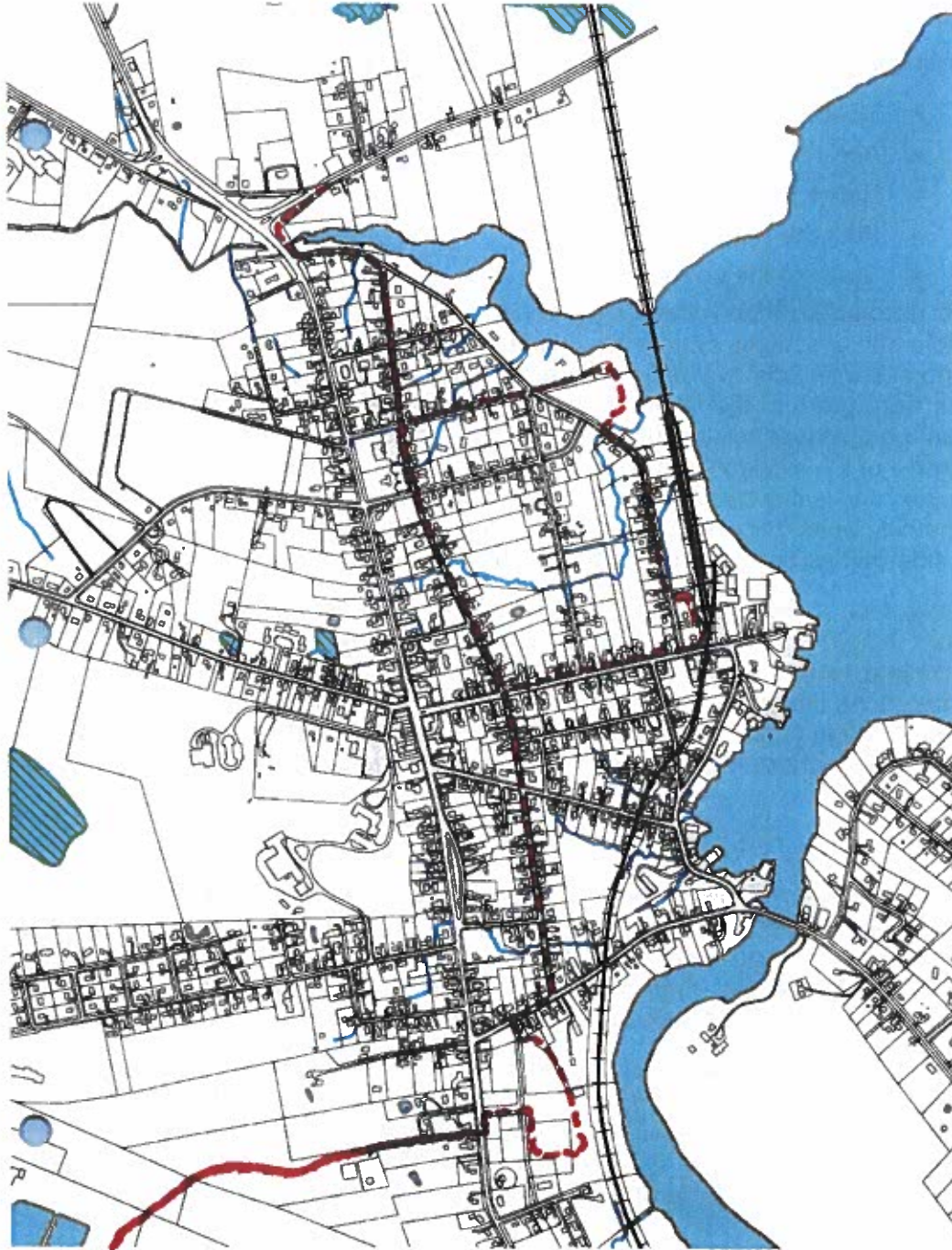
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Village Trail Map

Dashed lines are proposed Village Trail, solid are existing



Sidewalk Evaluation

The Study

The primary goals of the 2008 Study and the 2022 Update were the following:

- Describe the existing sidewalks
- Assess their condition
- Define their need for improvements
- Prioritize the improvements
- Estimate the costs

To accomplish this, without bias, Dirigo Engineering developed a standard evaluation criterion with a scoring system for prioritizing the sidewalks needing improvement. Each existing sidewalk was evaluated by the same criteria and scored accordingly. Prioritization scores were given to the following conditions: sidewalk width, type, condition, use, and if it was on the proposed Village Trail. Width, type, and condition were assessed during a visual inspection of the sidewalks. Use was defined from input from the Thomaston Public Works Dept. and the sidewalks location in Town, the type of street it was on (i.e. residential, commercial, water front, etc.) and adjoining areas. Scores for each condition were totalled for each sidewalk section giving a prioritized list of sidewalks.

From this, a Sidewalk Index and Prioritization Schedule was developed. The 2022 updated Index is included. The index lists the Town's sidewalks and provides their approximate length, where they start and end, their type, width, conditions, etc. It also includes those streets that do not have sidewalks but will need to in order to support the proposed Village Trail. The Index also includes the Prioritization Schedule and is sorted with the sidewalks highest in priority first. The scoring system is also included on the index.

Findings

Most of the highest priority sidewalks are those that are on the proposed Village Trail. The exception was Main St. Mall Road. This section of sidewalk scored high as it is in disrepair, narrow and is a highly used section of sidewalk. There are also those areas on the proposed trail that currently do not have sidewalks. These sections, which include Roxbury Street from Thatcher to Gleason and Hyler Street from School Street to Wadsworth, scored high as they are considered unsafe for walking or biking now and will be on the Village Trail.

With the new (2017) sidewalks on Main Street several sidewalks on side streets are now considered feeders to the Village Trail including Green, Knox and Roxbury Streets between Main and the trail system and they are on the priority list. However, because the majority of these streets are on the top of the list, the Town may wish to consider rebuilding that section at the same time as the other section of these streets are constructed.

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Along the proposed Village Trail there were areas that scored low, Thatcher Street from Roxbury to Knox, Wadsworth from Route 1 to Hyler Street and Hyler from School St. to Knox. The Thatcher Street sidewalk was rebuilt in 2004 and is a 5' wide asphalt sidewalk in good condition. The Wadsworth sidewalk is 4' asphalt with curbing and in excellent condition. It was rebuilt partially in 1999 and completed in 2003. Hyler is a 4' sidewalk and was rebuilt in the mid 90's and is in good condition.

Main Street, that had new sidewalks constructed as part of the MaineDOT rebuild project in 2017, has been removed from the priority list. Booker Street has been added as it is not only used by children walking to school but by many adults walking to stores and business in town. Brooklyn Heights Road was also added as the lack of a sidewalk creates a dangerous situation and does have people using it.

Top Priority Sidewalks

The highest priority sidewalks are discussed below. NOTE: the first five items on the prioritized list as discussed below could be constructed in any order as they may well have different funding sources that come up at different times. Hyler and Gleason Streets may be funded with grant funds for trails and built by a contractor, Knox Street will probably be funded by TIFF funds with other grants and built by a contractor and Roxbury and the Mall may be funded with Sidewalk Reserve funds and built by Public Works. Thus the fifth item, the Mall sidewalk, could be the first to be constructed.

1. Hyler Street from Knox Street to Wadsworth – There is currently a 4-foot wide asphalt sidewalk with asphalt curb from Knox to School Street. This sidewalk is in good condition. From School Street to Wadsworth, approximately 500 feet and on the proposed Village Trail, there is no sidewalk. This is on the proposed Village Trail. Constructing a sidewalk on this section of Hyler will likely require extensive earthwork. The existing storm drain system appears adequate and a new bituminous curb would allow for much better control of storm water. There appears to be no conflicts with utility poles along this section. However, because the houses along this section are higher than the street and the lawns extend to the street with steep embankments, construction easements and grading easements may be needed on some properties. Consideration should be given to providing a painted bike lane on the south side of this street and possibly widening the paving by a couple of feet to accommodate this.
2. Gleason Street from Knox Street to Fish – There is currently an existing sidewalk on the north side of Gleason from Roxbury to Knox. The sidewalk is approximately 3 feet wide concrete sidewalk in poor condition approximately 1,900 feet long. This is on the proposed Village Trail. Some sections have a grass median and some have had the concrete and the median paved over. We recommend a new 5' wide paved sidewalk with bituminous curb. We do anticipate there will be conflicts with utility poles, existing rock walls and flower gardens. The existing storm drainage appears adequate for the proposed improvement. A new bituminous curb could be installed behind the existing catch basins from Knox Street to the brook. This may actually improve the flow into the catch basins and help to control stormwater runoff. From the brook to Roxbury we recommend a new 5 feet wide paved sidewalk with no curb but the median should be maintained.

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Consideration should be given to providing a painted bike lane on the south side of this street and possibly widening the paving by a couple of feet to accommodate this.

3. Knox Street from Gleason to Water – The existing sidewalk here is on the east side and is a 3 feet wide concrete sidewalk in poor condition. This section is on the proposed Village Trail. There is an existing storm drain system with catch basins along the street on the east side as well as a cast iron water main that is well over 120-years old. These should both be replaced before a new sidewalk is constructed. The Water Company has indicated an interest in replacing the water main as part of any major project on this street. This street has two storm drain systems with one starting at Main Street running down Knox to Fluker, down Fluker and discharging in the brook. A second system starts just north of Elliot Street and daylights after crossing under the railroad. Both of these systems cross the street several times and both have old age issues and should be replaced. The Town has two options for Knox Street: rebuild the entire street, replacing the storm drain, having the Water Company replace the water line and add a new ADA compliant sidewalk or installing a new 5-foot paved sidewalk on the east side with a new bituminous curb located just behind the existing catch basins. Both options would improve storm water control and direct it to catch basins more efficiently. There appear to be no issues with utility poles and a new sidewalk could blend into the lawns with minimal problems.
4. Roxbury Street from Gleason to Thatcher - There is currently no sidewalk on this section. This section is approximately 700 feet long and on the proposed Village Trail. This section of road is sloped downward from Gleason Street. The adjacent lawns are approximately level with the street. There is no storm drain and rain runoff flows along the edge of the street. A new 5-foot bituminous sidewalk with a bituminous curb should be constructed on the West side of the street. Based on preliminary data, the curb should be placed approximately 10 feet from the center of the street with the sidewalk directly behind it. Existing lawns would blend easily into the new sidewalk grade. There are no utility poles along this section of road on the west side. Several mailboxes would require relocating. The new curb line may provide a flow line for stormwater runoff and reduce erosion along the street. Designs should look at other potential drainage improvements.
5. Mall Road entire length – This is the one section of sidewalk on Main Street in the built-up area that was not replaced during the MaineDOT project. It is not part of the Village Trail but has heavy use. It is an old, 3-foot wide, concrete walkway on the south side of the street in poor condition. Constructing a new asphalt curb with a 5-foot asphalt sidewalk behind it would help control stormwater drainage in the area. Consideration should also be given to controlling parking either on the south side with parallel parking or on the north side with diagonal parking.
6. Booker Street from Valley to Clark – This street has no sidewalk north of Valley Street. A lot of pedestrians use this street and are forced to walk in the street. It also sees a lot of children walking to and from school. Drainage should also be considered in any design of a sidewalk as the area is somewhat flat and drainage is a problem. This would provide a sidewalk directly to the schools from that neighbourhood and work well in the SRTS Program (see below).

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7. Knox Street from Main to Gleason – This section should be a part of the complete rebuild of Knox Street and done at the same time as Item #3. The existing sidewalk is on the east side of the street and has a 120±-year-old water main under it as well as a poorly functioning storm drain. Both should be replaced before a new sidewalk is built.
8. Green Street from Main to Water – This is an old, narrow sidewalk that has a lot of pedestrian use. Since it connects with the Village Trail it may be possible to use Trail grant funds to help with the cost of this.
9. Erin Street most of the way from Main to Beechwood – There is no sidewalk on the upper 1,200 feet of this street and the existing section is narrow. Again, the section that has no sidewalk has an old water main directly under where the sidewalk would go that needs to be replaced. This street sees a lot of pedestrian use and the curve in the street increases the safety factor of having people walk on the paving.

Improvements

Sidewalks should be upgraded to safely support pedestrian traffic. We recommend 5 feet sidewalks where there is sufficient room to support it. 5 feet sidewalks are considered safer, provide for better accessibility for disabled individuals, and ease snowplowing. Some challenges in doing this will include:

- Limited room between the houses and street edge.
- Some sidewalks are elevated and may require extensive ground work, small retaining walls, or granite curbing to widen them to 5 feet.
- Utility poles should be moved in many locations

Sidewalks should either have a curb or a median separating them from the street. This provides safety to pedestrians and better supports drainage. There are two primary surfaces used for sidewalks and two primary types of curbing. Surface options include *concrete* and *bituminous pavement*. The primary curbing options include *granite* and *bituminous pavement*.

Concrete provides a high quality surface material for sidewalk but it is very costly to install properly. Proper bedding and drainage is also essential in constructing a concrete sidewalk to last. Bituminous paving offers a good alternative at a lower cost. Bituminous sidewalks are faster to construct and less costly to construct. With the existing drainage system area soil and capital investment needs, Dirigo Engineering recommends bituminous pavement for Thomaston's sidewalk.

Of the two primary types of curbing granite provides a strong, lasting curb that does not get damaged by plow trucks or other items. However, it is a very high cost option. Bituminous curbing provides a good cost affective option that will divert water into catch basins, retain the surface as designed, and provide the recommended curb along the sidewalk. Dirigo Engineering recommends bituminous curbing be used.

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Sidewalks should be constructed with 12 inches minimum of gravel and a 2 ½ inches minimum of pavement. In addition, storm drain systems and site drainage should be properly incorporated in the sidewalk/street system. Typical sidewalk cross sections are included later in this report.

ADA Considerations

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that new and altered public sidewalks be accessible to people with disabilities. Sidewalks and curb ramps should comply with technical standards in ADA Accessible Guidelines (ADAAG) as well as the Department of Justice (DOJ) 28 CFR Part 36 Non-discrimination on the Basis of Disability by Public Accommodations and in Commercial Facilities.

The technical requirements cover sidewalk slopes both longitudinally and cross slopes. They require detectable warning plates be installed at all road crossings. The guidelines recommend 5' wide sidewalks to accommodate wheelchair turning and passing space. The 5 feet sidewalk width is specifically recommended on sidewalks with curbs in order to provide travel width away from drop offs at the street edge.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program

The purpose of this program is to increase the number of children walking or riding bikes to school. In 1969 50% of all kids walked or rode their bikes to school. Today, less then 15% do with 50% arriving at school in private cars.

The problems associated with this include increased traffic, increased pollution from cars, a rise in health related issues such as child obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. The SRTS program empowers communities to address these problems. It provides funding for a wide variety of programs and projects related to improving sidewalks and paths and encouraging kids and parents to take advantage of it. The Federal Highway Administration has information available at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/index.htm>.

The Maine DOT has developed the Maine Safe Routes to Schools Program from this federal program. According to the Maine DOT website, eligible projects include infrastructure improvements on any public road, bicycle or pedestrian path or trail within 2 miles of a school. Additional information about project criteria and available funding can be found on the Maine DOT website.

Water Street

Water Street is a critical component of the sidewalk system. A painted walking path runs along the water side and has always been a highly used area by pedestrians. There is a significant drop off on its outside edge and most road laterals and residences are on the north side. It would be advantageous to place the sidewalk for Water Street on the north side, for safety reasons and adjoining streets. The disadvantage is that there would then be a street between the sidewalk and the water, which many of the pedestrians will want to view. In addition, it is not as simple as shifting the road over and constructing the sidewalk on the north side. To construct a sidewalk on

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the north side will require a new storm drain system. However, to leave the sidewalk on the south side the Town would have to consider a railing system on the south side of the sidewalk.

During the design phase the Town should consider these factors and determine the best location for the sidewalk, it may be a combination of north and south that provides the best layout of the Water Street sidewalk.

Future Sidewalk Considerations

There are areas of Town that are currently seeing significant residential growth. One of these areas is near the intersection of Thatcher Street and Fish Street. The Town should consider eventually constructing sidewalks on Fish Street and Fluker Streets to support the growth in that area. The Town should also consider extending the sidewalk on Booker Street North to join the sidewalks already constructed in and around Maurice Avenue as outlined in Item #6.

Recommended improvements and preliminary cost estimates are included in the following pages. Sidewalks were prioritized on the included Sidewalk Index using a scoring system that evaluated existing width, condition, typical usage, and inclusion on the Village Trail.

Preliminary Cost estimates are rough estimates that include construction, engineering and contingency costs. Since land requirements are not known at this time, these costs are not included. Cost estimates assumed construction would be through a contractor hired by the Town. The Town does have the resources to perform some of this work. The Public Works Dept. has the knowledge, experience, and some of the equipment to perform sidewalk construction. The Town may need to rent additional equipment and purchase materials such as gravel, stone, loam, asphalt, pipe, etc. but could potentially save 20 to 30% of the costs if the Public Works Dept. performs the work.

The following pages contain:

An Existing Sidewalk Inventory

A Recommended Prioritization Schedule

A Preliminary Cost Estimate List

Typical Sidewalk Cross Sections

EXISTING SIDEWALK INVENTORY

Street	Length (ft.)	Width (ft.)	Material	Condition
Alley	113	7.5	Concrete	Excellent
Ashland Drive	2,559	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Beechwood Street	2,576	4 & 5	Asphalt & Concrete	Fair to Excellent
Booker Street	574	4	Asphalt	Good
Brooklyn Heights Road	164	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Brooklyn Heights Bridge	284	5	Concrete	Excellent
Dexter Street Extension	148	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Dunn Street	1,068	3	Concrete	Poor
Elliot Street	315	3	Concrete	Poor
Elm Street	160	3	Concrete	Poor
Erin Street	1,202	3 & 5	Asphalt & Concrete	Poor to Good
Gilcrest Street	43	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Gleason Street	2,306	3 & 5	Asphalt & Concrete	Excellent to Poor
Green Street	1,621	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Hylar Street	1,918	4 & 5	Asphalt	Excellent to Good
Knox Street	2,264	3	Concrete & Asphalt	Poor to Fair
Main Street - Downtown	1,269	5.5	Concrete	Excellent
Main Street - Outside	10,666	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Mall Road to Green St.	950	3	Concrete	Poor
Maurice Avenue	607	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Public Landing Road	184	5	Asphalt	Excellent
New County Road	2,265	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Roxbury Street	125	4	Asphalt	Fair
Starr Street	425	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Thatcher Street	2,131	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Valley Street	325	5	Asphalt	Excellent
Wadsworth Street	1,814	5	Asphalt	Excellent

Thomaston Sidewalk - Prioritization Schedule

January 2022

No.	Street	From	To	Length (ft.)	Sidewalk Side	Type	Width (ft.)	Score	Cond.	Score	Use	Score	Village Trail	Score	Total Score
1	Hyer	Knox	Wadsworth	1,920	North	Asphalt	4 & 5	4	Poor	4	Heavy	3	Yes	4	15
2	Gleason	Fish	Knox	2,310	North	Concrete	3	3	Poor	4	Heavy	3	Yes	4	14
3	Knox	Gleason	Water	1,500	East	Concrete	3	4	Poor	4	Moderate	2	Yes	4	14
4	Roxbury	Thatcher	Gleason	700	None	None	0	4	None	4	Moderate	2	Yes	4	14
5	Mall Road	School	Main	950	South	Concrete	3	3	Poor	4	Heavy	3	No	0	10
6	Booker	Valley	Thomas	2,400	East	None	0	4	None	4	Moderate	2	No	0	10
7	Knox	Main	Gleason	580	Both	Concrete	3	3	Fair	2	Heavy	3	Feeds	2	10
8	Green	Main	Water	1,580	West	Asphalt	3	3	Fair	2	Heavy	3	Feeds	2	10
9	Elliot	Knox	Dunn	300	South	Concrete	3	3	Poor	4	Light	1	Feeds	2	10
10	Water	Knox	Wadsworth	2,200	South	Painted	4	2	Poor	4	Heavy	3	No	0	9
11	Erin	Main	Beechwood	1,800	West	Asphalt	3	3	Poor	4	Moderate	2	No	0	9
12	Dunn	Hyer	Elliot	1,070	East	Concrete	3	3	Poor	4	Moderate	2	No	0	9
13	Brooklyn Hgts.	Sunrise	Bobolink	950	East	None	0	4	None	4	Light	1	No	0	9
14	Roxbury	Main	Gleason	300	East	Asphalt	4	2	Fair	2	Moderate	2	Feeds	2	8
15	Watts	Starr	School Ent.	950	West	Painted	4	2	Good	0	School	4	No	0	6
16	Valley	Booker	School Ent.	400	South	Painted	4	2	Good	0	School	4	No	0	6

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Width scoring
 <3 = 4
 <4 = 3
 4 = 2
 >4 = 1

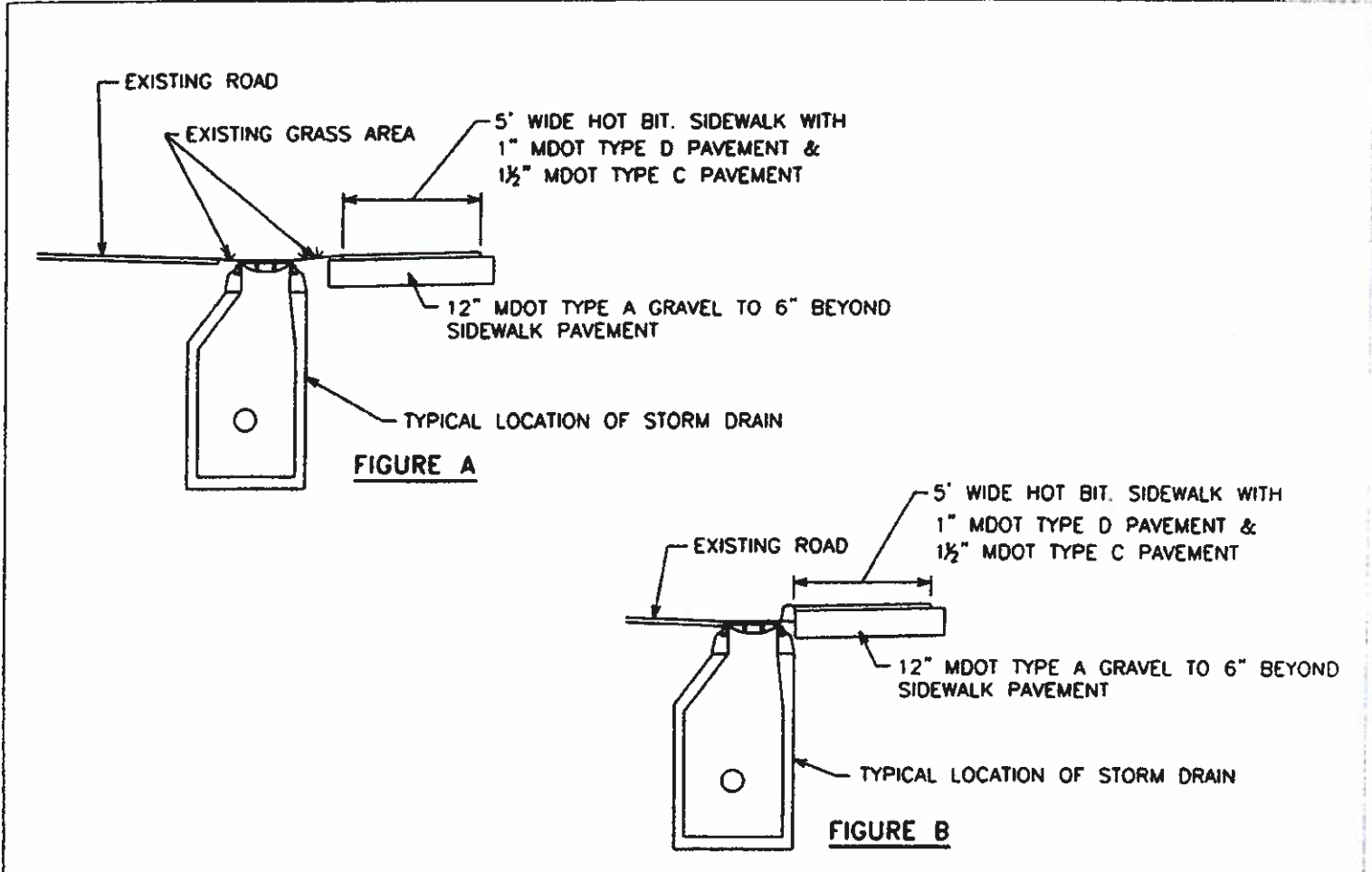
Cond. Scoring
 Poor = 4
 Fair = 2
 Good = 0
 Excell. = -1

Use scoring
 school = 4
 Heavy = 3
 Mod. = 2
 Light = 1

On Village Trail
 Yes = 4
 Feeder = 2
 No = 0

**Thomaston Sidewalk Improvements
Preliminary Cost Estimates
March 2022**

Street	From	To	Length (feet)	Sidewalk Side	Type	Improvement	Estimated Cost	Notes
Hylar	Knox	Wadsworth	1,920	North	Asphalt	5' Paved w/ curb	\$80,600	Includes bike lane
Gleason	Knox	Fish	2,310	North	Asphalt	5' Paved w/ curb	\$97,100	Includes bike lane
Knox	Gleason	Water	1,500	East	Concrete	5' Paved w/ curb	\$63,000	
Roxbury	Thatcher	Gleason	700	West	Asphalt	5' Paved w/ curb	\$29,400	
Mall Road	School	Main	950	South	Concrete	5' Paved w/ curb	\$34,000	Includes drainage
Booker	Valley	Thomas	2,400	East	Asphalt	5' Paved	\$100,800	
Knox	Main	Gleason	580	Both	Concrete	5' Paved w/ curb	\$24,400	Both sides of street
Green	Main	Water	1,580	East	Asphalt	5' Paved	\$521,200	
Elliot	Knox	Dunn	300	South	Concrete	4' Paved	\$8,500	
Water	Knox	Wadsworth	2,200	South	Painted	5' on paving	\$92,400	
Erin	Main	Beechwood	1,800	West	Asphalt	5' Paved w/ curb	\$75,600	
Dunn	Hylar	Elliot	1,070	East	Concrete	4' Paved	\$29,600	
Brooklyn Hgts.	Sunrise	Bobolink	950	East	Asphalt	5' Paved w/ curb	\$36,000	
Roxbury	Main	Gleason	300	West	Asphalt	5' Paved w/ curb	\$12,600	
Watts	Starr	School Ent.	950	North	Painted	5' on paving		
Valley	Booker	School Ent.	400	South	Painted	5' on paving		



TYPICAL SIDEWALK CROSS SECTIONS
FIGURE A - WITH GRASS/LAWN DIVIDER
FIGURE B - WITHOUT

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Kara George

From: Bruce Flaherty <bwflah@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 8:39 PM
To: Kara George
Subject: For Selectmen: 2022 Thomaston Spirit of America Tribute

Dear Kara, Peter & Other Thomaston Officials,

Hope you're enjoying a healthy 2022 & thank you for your town choosing a number of deserving recipients of the Spirit of America Foundation award over the years – Thomaston is listed with pride on Foundation website <https://spirame.org>

Invitation:

Your Board of Selectmen is asked to pick the local person, project or group to receive the 2022 Thomaston Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service using your own criteria and to honor the recipient (presumably with a resolution or proclamation) if sensible amidst the pandemic at your annual town meeting. We'll need to know (see end of this e-mail) about the recipient to facilitate an anticipated Fall event honoring all 2022 Spirit of America award winners throughout Knox County.

Best/simplest strategy for most communities: choose the one to whom your annual town report is dedicated as Spirit of America winner and honor them (perhaps posthumously) at the annual town meeting – it's usually a well-attended event (great publicity for those honored) & is a nice tradition to which folks will look forward!

Your Selectboard may choose and honor the town's Spirit of America recipient each year without waiting to hear from us.

County event:

The 2022 privilege granted to Maine municipalities to choose Spirit of America Foundation Tribute winners expires on June 30. For any municipality not informing us of its Spirit of America recipient by 6/30, its county officials have permission to pick the 2022 winner. That sensible arrangement gives towns plenty of time to make a selection, helps counties with planning/preparing certificates for their annual Spirit of America event, and could ensure the county ceremony publicizes community service for each town.

Fifteen Maine counties hosted ceremonies honoring their towns' recipients of the 2019 Spirit of America Foundation Tribute – because of the pandemic many counties have sent congratulatory mailings to their winners since then in lieu of ceremonies. In any case, you might visit <https://www.cumberlandcounty.org/CivicMedia?VID=November-12-2019-Monthly-Commissioner-Me-112#player> to watch an exciting pre-pandemic event!

Background:

Spirit of America Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity established in Augusta, ME to encourage volunteerism & it allows the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute to be presented in the name of any Maine municipality. There is no fee involved, and local officials chose their community's 2021 Spirit of America winner in 150+ towns!

The first Spirit of America Foundation award was presented to Alma Jones by Augusta Mayor William Burney on Nov. 26, 1991. Maine Governors John Baldacci and Angus King and Maine Municipal Association Director Chris Lockwood are among many who have played key roles at one of the 500+ Spirit of America ceremonies over the years. Much more info is on website <https://spirame.org> (where you can click 'Resources' and 'Municipal Resolution' to see sample resolutions, click 'Awards' and 'Honored Ever' for towns' previous winners list, etc.).

A municipality may achieve Spirit of America's Gold Distinction by presenting the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute at the annual town meeting or inauguration, during an annual community festival, or during National Volunteer Month (April). Qualifying towns are listed in 'Gold Distinction' at website <https://spirame.org> (and you may find links to this site in Maine Municipal Association's Dec. 2022 'MMA This Month' e-mail newsletter & on its <https://www.memun.org> website under 'Recent Announcements').

2021 Gold Distinction towns included: Albion, Arrowsic, Baldwin, Bath, Belgrade, Bethel, Brownfield, Burnham, Cambridge, Canaan, Cape Elizabeth, Caribou, Carmel, Castle Hill, Chapman, Chelsea, Columbia Falls, Corinna, Cornish, Damariscotta, Dixfield, Dresden, Embden, Etna, Fairfield, Freedom, Fryeburg, Gray, Greene, Greenwood, Guilford, Hampden, Harmony, Hartford, Holden, Hollis, Kennebunkport, LaGrange, Lamoine, Leeds, Lewiston, Lincoln, Lisbon, Madison, Mapleton, Mexico, Monmouth, Moose River, Morrill, Mount Vernon, Naples, Newcastle, Newfield, Norridgewock, North Yarmouth, Old Orchard Beach, Owls Head, Phippsburg, Pittston, Portage, Rangeley, Readfield, Ripley, Roxbury, Searsport, Sebago, Skowhegan, Solon, South Berwick, St. Albans, Stockton Springs, Vassalboro, Wales, Washburn, Washington, Weston, Whitefield, Windsor, Winterport, Wiscasset, Woodstock.

By June 30 please let us know the name, mailing address and an accomplishment of Thomaston's 2022 Spirit of America recipient and the occasion of your local award ceremony (see end of this e-mail).

Thanks for your immense help to volunteerism!

Bruce Flaherty, President
Maine Spirit of America
(a chapter of Spirit of America Foundation)
622-7311, bwflah@gmail.com

These past Spirit of America winners might trigger ideas for your selection:

- Connor Barry, a youth, raised \$275 from Hot Chocolate sales and bought needy kids Xmas gifts.
- Judy Cyr has made a lot of free COVID-19 protective face coverings for residents & businesses.
- FHC, Inc. (a business) runs several community projects, including fundraisers for fire dept. & school.
- The Herring Family has volunteered and held many municipal positions over a 200-year period.
- Vernon Stevens is police officer saving lives of two youths as their home was engulfed in flames.
- Eugene Turner has overcome handicaps, goes out of his way to aid those needing help/guidance.
- WHOU is a radio station conducting a Nov. donation drive & doing other things to help folks.

We anticipate the most common 2022 scenario is towns presenting a resolution (click 'Resources' and 'Municipal Resolution' on <https://spirame.org> to see samples) to their Spirit of America winner at the annual town meeting.

Though it doesn't assess fees, Spirit of America Foundation incurs significant annual expenses (including for the website). To help ensure its lovely program can continue, municipalities/public officials/others may send a charitable donation of any amount to Spirit of America Foundation, PO Box 5637, Augusta, ME 04332 (or use the 'PayPal Donation' link on <https://spirame.org>). Thanks so much for considering!

After your town selects its 2022 winner, please follow these steps to provide info we need from 'you':

Go to website <https://spirame.org> (This beautiful site was designed by professional website developer Lauren Haven of Digital Marketing Success.)

Click 'Login', Click 'Create Account' link, fill in info, click 'Create Account' bar, you'll receive an e-mail containing a link, click the link, in a little while you should get a 'registration approved' e-mail. (Please call me if you run into problems – I'll walk you through.)

After registration approval:

'Login'; enter 'Winner Name', 'Winner Mailing Address', 'Winner Accomplishments' (at least 15 words); select 'County', 'Distinction' and 'Dedication', click 'Update Account'.

(You'll notice some fields automatically were filled in! Going forward: you'd 'Login' and then enter/change info without needing to go through 'Create Account' process ever again)!

Thanks so much for everything – your providing info this way enables your winner to be honored at a county ceremony!