

# **Agenda**

**Thomaston Recreation Committee  
Thursday, September 29, 2022  
Regular Meeting @ 6:00pm**

Location: Thomaston Municipal Building, Select Board Room  
13 Valley St, Thomaston, ME 04861

- 1. Call meeting to order**
- 2. Approve minutes**
- 3. New Business**
  - New Rec Director-Jared Porter
  - High School & Alternate Vacancy
  - Fall/Winter Activity (Movie night/Father-daughter dance/etc)
- 4. Old Business**
  - Soccer (Updates)
  - Trunk or Treat (Discuss Details-Put out flyer)
  - Senior Programs
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Adjourn**

Thomaston Recreation Committee Minutes  
Thursday August 25th, 2022  
Regular Meeting: 6:00pm  
Location: Rec. Office/Room  
Sarah, Jared, Carol, Amanda, Pat C., Janelle, Geneva, and Pat S.

**1. Call the meeting to order**

Motion by: *1<sup>st</sup> Carol, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jared, All in Favor*

**2. Approve the minutes from previous meeting**

Motion by: *1<sup>st</sup> Amanda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol, All in Favor*

Motion to skip Agenda items # 3 & 4 to allow for Public Comment.

*1<sup>st</sup> Jared, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carol, All in Favor*

**3. Public Comments:**

Pat S. mentioned the following, in regards to changes she would like to see the board consider.

- The Rec. Board should have a senior member that is allowed to vote
- Potluck should be called a "Senior Luncheon" to encourage all seniors to attend even if they are not able to bring an item to share.
- Communication with the Seniors is lacking and needs to be improved. Mailed newsletters that include calendar of events, post cards or phone calls to make personal connections with members of the senior community.
- Rec member needed to act as a liaison to the senior community, this person would give the seniors a voice when choosing events or locations for Senior Trips.
- Information about Senior trips shared at Luncheon with sign-up sheet.
- Work with the library to make sure we are not offering the same activities ie: Exercise

**4. New Business:**

Rec. Director Departure and Vacancy: Last day is 8/30. Rene will be working as the Code Enforcement Officer. He has offered to guide the new director as needed.

Review Rec. Director job description: Some wording was updated and/or removed. Senior Programming was moved to the general responsibilities category. The group looked at Rec. Director job descriptions from a variety of towns. Discussed what we liked and didn't. Discussed the special requirements to include Driver's License, basic CPR and First Aid, knowledge and use of technology and maintenance of recreational facilities. Carol will be working on a document to share with the group based on our discussion.

Senior Liaison and Activities: A Senior can hold a voting position on the board.

Pat C. has agreed to join the board and act as the voice of the Knox Hotel by sharing information at the Hotel and neighboring business and CNB. Welcome Pat C.!

Some potential activities the board discussed cribbage, bingo, arts and crafts, movie nights, cooking mentoring/club, knitting. It would be nice to connect our seniors with our youth. We would like to grow our nonathletic group by providing activities beyond sports for all ages of our community.

- *Tasks to be completed: Get mailing addresses and create a newsletter for our seniors.*

**5. Old Business:**

Soccer- Soccer sign-ups have been posted numbers are low in some age groups, we are hopeful numbers will increase with the start of the school year. We need to reach out to people (last year's coaches?) who may be interested in coaching our soccer teams. It would be helpful for parents if days and times were posted sooner (although it depends on numbers and coach's availability) as kids participate in a variety of activities. As soon as we have that information it should be shared.

Trunk or Treat- 10/31 4:30-5:30 on the path next to the police station. Rain or Shine. Members will start spreading the word to get more involvement from the town businesses, involvement could be participation or candy donations. We typically plan for a round 200 children. Community members

really enjoyed the photo booth, someone will reach out to *theFirst* to see if they are interested in participating again.

Senior Programs-

- Friday Luncheon (8/26), Jared volunteered to assist with this month's event.
- Boat Ride out of Port Clyde 9/8
- Shopping Trip 11/11
- Foliage Trip TBD

Motion to adjourn: *1<sup>st</sup> Carol, Jared 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor*  
Next Meeting: 9/29 6:00 pm