

Town of Thomaston

Thomaston Green Park Ad-Hoc Committee

**MEETING AGENDA**

APRIL 03, 2024 @ 6PM - Select Board Room at Thomaston Town Office

1. **MEETING WITH NEIGHBORS** - provide update on our work, answer questions and concerns
2. **GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION** - reach a consensus on recommendation for governance
3. **MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 26, 2024**
4. **Adjourn (7:30PM)**

**Revised Schedule:**

- **APRIL 17 - Wednesday** - Final Meeting - Vote on Final Recommendation and Format
- **APRIL 22 - Monday** - SELECT BOARD MEETING - present recommendation

## **AD HOC THOMASTON GREEN PARK COMMITTEE - DRAFT**

03/26/24 Minutes (Meeting convened at 6 pm)

Members present: Zel, Jon, Sandra, Jeff, Noreen, Nancy, Linda, Kathy, Jane, Kathleen, Marla  
(Peter Lammert - member of the Select Board, public)

### **1. VOTE ON EASEMENT:**

- **MOTION: To approve the Conservation Easement recommendation as written with the addition of the term "recreational" and to add an explanation which includes a definition of a conservation easement and a note that the Town of Thomaston currently has a conversation easement with the GRLT. [KN, KD (11,0,0)]**

*"Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to negotiate a conservation easement on the Thomaston Green Park with the Georges River Land Trust? The easement would protect the Park from development while permitting the Town to make improvements to the Park for public recreational use and enjoyment."*

**[NOTE: following our meeting the Town Manager recommended this final language for the warrant to keep things most clear for the voters:**

**ARTICLE 3:** *Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to negotiate a conservation easement on the Thomaston Green Park with the Georges River Land Trust? /Explanation: The Town would continue to own the property after granting a conservation easement but would be constrained from developing or selling it for development, permitting the Town to make improvements to the park for public recreational use and enjoyment. The Georges River Land Trust currently holds a conservation easement on Town Forest land.]*

### **2. NAMING THE PARK**

- Kathleen Norton presenting some of the independent work she has been doing not he proposed naming of the park which includes soliciting feedback from the Grammar and Middle School on their ideas for the Park Name. Round 2 of the voting ongoing.
- **MOTION: To present to the Select Board a recommendation for naming the park with supporting information from the student's responses. [KD, MM (10,0,0)]**

### **3. DESIGN CHARETTE DEBRIEF:**

- We discussed the additional information coming from the Northeastern University students which will be completed in mid-late May. Based on this we determined we would have Noreen assemble a graphic map of the park (with overlays) to show our proposal for the park including both the initial work (\$26,000 worth of upgrades) and future work which would be paid for with grant money. Overlays could be infrastructure, plants, pavilions and paths.
- We discussed how the committee might recommend a lead role into for the Conservation Commission to continue the work on the Ad Hoc Committee. This conversation to be continues at our next meeting (April 3rd).

### **4. LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) Grant:**

- We discussed the time frame for this grant to be submitted in June 2024 and determined it was in the best interest of the Park to wait until June 2025 to have a better proposal.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm. Respectfully submitted, Zel Bowman-Laberge*