

**Approved 06/24/2024**

**Town of Thomaston  
Select Board Minutes  
June 10, 2024**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-5:30pm**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Bill Hahn, Pete Lammert, Sandy Moore, Chris Rector, Patricia Hubbard, and Town Manager Kara George

**ACTION:** Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore to enter executive session at 5:34pm, pursuant to MRS Title 1, §405 6(D), to discuss the Teamsters collective bargaining agreement. **VOTE: 5-0**

**ACTION:** Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore to exit executive session at 5:52pm. **VOTE: 5-0**

**REGULAR MEETING-6pm**

Chair Bill Hahn called the meeting to order at 6pm.

**ACTION:** Pete Lammert made the Breen Amendment to take the agenda out of order, seconded by Sandy Moore. **VOTE: 5-0**

Town Clerk Melissa Stevens recognized Mike Mayo for his dedication in this year's annual report. Mike's family were in attendance to accept the award.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Review the application of Hot Hill Tavern, for the consideration of a Class III Special Amusement Permit at the property located at 1 Starr Street as required by Town Ordinance-Chapter 1, Article XV.

**ACTION:** Pete Lammert made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore to enter public hearing at 6:05pm. **VOTE: 5-0**

Police Chief Tim Hoppe recommended that a designated smoking area is moved to the back of the Hot Hill Tavern building to reduce loitering. Adding security cameras around the building helps as well.

**ACTION:** Sandy Moore made a motion, seconded by Pete Lammert to exit public hearing at 6:15pm. **VOTE: 5-0**

**ACTION:** Patricia Hubbard made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore, to approve the special amusement permit application of Hot Hill Tavern, contingent on adding signage and designating a smoking area for its customers. **VOTE: 5-0**

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**OPENING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Assistant RSU #13 Superintendent Steffany Tribou presented a thank-you gift basket to the Town for collaborating with the school to offer an alternative education space for 18 months in the municipal building.

Resident Marti Wolfe noted the disrepair of 5 signs at the Thomaston Green and requested that the signs be replaced. Georges River Land Trust and Adventure Advertising were involved in the making of the original signs.

**ACTION: Chris Rector made a motion, seconded by Pete Lammert to replace the 5 signs at the Thomaston Green. VOTE: 5-0**

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF:** February 26, 2024

**ACTION: Chris Rector made a motion, seconded by Pete Lammert to approve February 26, 2024 minutes as amended. VOTE: 5-0**

**APPROVE THE WARRANTS**

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

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT (See attached.)**

The Town Manager further reported that she met with Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT). MDOT is releasing traffic calming guidelines this summer. They are also sending the Town a list of engineers that can conduct a traffic study.

The Select Board agreed to schedule a workshop with the Conservation Commission on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discuss the scope of work proposal from Landmark Engineering for the first phase of the Waterfront Masterplan project per the request of Bill Hahn.

Chair Bill Hahn discussed the last Waterfront Masterplan meeting regarding the data gathering phase of the scope of work by Landmark Engineering. He is recommending the Select Board approves the first phase of the scope of work.

**ACTION: Bill Hahn made a motion, seconded by Chris Rector to approve the first phase of the data gathering as outlined in the scope of work by Landmark Engineering, with funds to be paid from Economic Development until grant funds are received. VOTE: 5-0**

- B. Approve the ratified Teamster’s Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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**ACTION: Chris Rector made a motion, seconded by Pete Lammert to approve the ratified Teamster's Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY2025-2027. VOTE: 5-0**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- B. Traffic Calming Presentation by Adi Philson from Midcoast Council of Governments.

Discussion was postponed.

- C. Consider the request of Jane Karker to hold the annual Maine Author's Book Festival at the Thomaston Academy on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm.

**ACTION: Chris Rector made a motion, seconded by Patricia Hubbard, to approve the Maine Author's Book Festival event. VOTE: 5-0**

- D. Approve the salt bid of \$37,000 from New England Salt Co. and the sand bid of \$9,425 from Jake Barbour Inc. as recommended by the Public Works Director Brandon Allen.

**ACTION: Chris Rector made a motion, seconded by Patricia Hubbard to approve the sand and salt bids from New England Salt Co. and Jake Barbour Inc. VOTE: 5-0**

- E. Authorize the Town Manager to sign the Customer Service and Billing Agreement between the Town of Thomaston and the Maine Water Company for FY2025.

**ACTION: Patricia Hubbard made a motion, seconded by Chris Rector, to approve the Maine Water Company Customer Service and Billing Agreement. VOTE: 5-0**

- F. Consider for approval the appointment of Rene' Dorr as E-911 Addressing Officer.

**ACTION: Patricia Hubbard made a motion, seconded by Sandy Moore, to approve the appointment of Rene Dorr as the E911 Addressing Officer. VOTE: 5-0**

- G. Discuss the request of Police Chief Hoppe to purchase a motorcycle through a grant program for the Police Department.

Police Chief Hoppe requested approval to apply for a grant that would partially pay for the purchase of a new Harley motorcycle for the Police Department. The new Harley cost is an estimated \$30,000 and the grant amount is \$10,000-\$15,000.

**ACTION: Sandy Moore made a motion, seconded by Bill Hahn, to approve a grant application submission for a new motorcycle. VOTE: 5-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara George, Town Manager