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Thomaston Budget Committee Meeting

July 10, 2025- 6:00 P.M.

Selectboard Meeting Room

Chairman Doug Erickson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. with the following

In attendance- Doug Erickson, Ronald Gamage, Susan Devlin, Patricia Hubbard.

There were two guests in the audience: Nancy Baker and Chris Palmer- acting
Police Chief.

There was discussion held as to what were the priorities of the committee going forward. Doug referenced the “list” that was compiled from our workshop that members felt we as the Budget Committee should work on.

There were comments made as to what we wanted to put in place and who might wish to head those groups.

Patricia Hubbard is working on the “investment Committee” and has had

discussions with the Town Manager and Chris Rector.

Ron Gamage and Susan Devlin agreed to work on looking into our education options and would be in contact with the Town of Owls Head and St. George for information.

Police/Fire/EMS were discussed and the topic of sharing services with neighboring towns.

Doug will draft a letter to the Selectboard for items in the budget that we wish to address.

Doug is investigating the ticket fees given by our police department that are assessed by the courts and how we as a town might be able to share a portion of those collected. This would take legislative action.

Town owned buildings: Watts Block was discussed, and questions were asked about the revenue vs. expenses. The committee felt it needed more transparency.

Comments were accepted from the audience members.

There being no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made to adjourn. We adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Ronald Gamage- acting secretary.