

To: The Residents of South Thomaston
Fr: The South Thomaston Selectboard

At the Special Town Meeting on October 30, 2018 voters will be presented with a decision about the Butler School building and property. RSU13 has offered to provide South Thomaston with a Quitclaim Deed to the Butler School property. The Town Meeting will be voting to accept or reject the offer from RSU13.

Implications of a vote to accept the property:

If the Town accepts the RSU 13 offer, it has control over any future disposal, sale, reuse and/or renovation of the building. A vote to accept does not entail confirmation or acceptance of any of the many possible options for the future use or sale of the property. Such will be decided by the Town in the future.

Implications of a vote to reject the offer:

If the Town rejects the RSU13 offer, then RSU13 will sell the property. The proceeds of such a sale will belong to South Thomaston. However, those proceeds may only be used to apply to the Town's Educational Assessment from RSU13. In addition, the Town will have no say in who the next owner will be. That will be a transaction between RSU13 and any possible buyer.

The Selectboard will conduct a public hearing on the article at its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 6PM October 16, 2018. After the hearing, the Selectboard will vote its recommendation to the Town. The Butler School Futures Committee has already voted to recommend to the Selectboard and the Town that South Thomaston accept the RSU13 offer.

We hope to see you there.

Best Regards,

Walter Reitz, Chairman, South Thomaston Selectboard
Cheryl Waterman, Selectboard
Jan Gaudio, Selectboard