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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010**

**Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by First Selectman Ed Mone.

Those present were First Selectman Ed Mone, Selectman John Scheppard and Selectman Bruce Barrett, Sr. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant, was available to take the minutes.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the regular Board of Selectmen meeting of January 5, 2010 as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Board/Commission Appointments:**

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to appoint Frank Treglia to the Capital Improvements Committee to fill a vacancy left by Edmond Mone based on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Finance Board. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Tax Refunds:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve a tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$16.69 to Helen Naylor, money order for taxes times two in error. Motion was seconded by Selectman Sheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Consider and Act on a Resolution re: General Obligation Bonds:**

In attendance at tonight's meeting were Sue Smith, Finance Director and Bruce Chudwick of Shipman & Goodwin.

Sue commented that the Town's bond rating has just been upgraded to an A+ status, which is a great help when refinancing short term loans,

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard that:

WHEREAS, the Town of Thomaston, Connecticut (the "Town"), through its legislative process, has duly authorized the issuance of its bonds or notes for various capital improvements (the "Project"), and

WHEREAS, said authorizations provide that the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer shall determine the terms, details and particulars of such bonds and notes and shall sell such bonds and notes, and

WHEREAS, the Town has determined that it needs to borrow \$7,520,000 to pay for the costs of the Project, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen and the Treasurer hereby approve the terms, details and particulars of the Town's \$7,520,000 General Obligation Bonds to be dated February 5, 2010 (the "Bonds"), as described in the Preliminary Official Statement dated January 15, 2010 and the Notice of Sale dated January 15, 2010 ("Notice of Sale").

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the First Selectman and Treasurer are authorized to sell and issue the Bonds by soliciting proposals from prospective purchasers, in accordance with the Preliminary Official Statement and the Notice of Sale. Sealed bids for the Bonds will be received on or about January 26, 2010. The First Selectman and Treasurer are authorized to execute all documents by manual or facsimile signature in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Dated as of January 19, 2010.

Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Budget 2010-2011 Discussion & Review:**

After discussions among the selectmen, the following changes were made to the following departments/line items:

<b>Elections:</b>	Education & Training	reduction of \$ 200
<b>Board of Assessment Appeals:</b>	Education & Training	reduction of \$ 100
	Advertising	reduction of \$ 100
	Postage & Freight	reduction of \$ 100
	<b>Total Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>
<b>Council of Governments:</b>	No Changes	
<b>CT. Council of Municipalities:</b>	No Changes	
<b>Fire Protection:</b>	Repairs & Maint./Other	reduction of \$6,000
<b>Fire Marshal:</b>	Education & Training	reduction of \$ 400
	General Supplies	reduction of \$ 50
	<b>Total Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>
<b>Ambulance:</b>	Repairs & Maint./Bldg.	reduction of \$ 800
	Repairs & Maint./Other	reduction of \$ 100
	<b>Total Reduction</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>
<b>NW Regional Mental Health:</b>	No Changes	
<b>Elderly Nutrition:</b>	No Changes	
<b>Susan B. Anthony:</b>	No Changes	
<b>Veteran's Administration:</b>	No Changes	
<b>Recreation:</b>	Water/Sewer Charges	reduction of \$ 300
	Travel	reduction of \$ 500
	Sports Programs	reduction of \$1,145
	General Supplies	reduction of \$ 300
	Postage & Freight	reduction of \$ 75
	Electricity	reduction of \$ 25
	<b>Total Reduction</b>	<b>\$2,345</b>

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**Memorial Day:** No Changes

**Nystroms Park:** No Changes

**Public Library:** No Changes

**Northwest Conservation Comm:** No Changes

**Hillside Cemetery Fund:** No Changes

**Animal Control:** No Changes

**Old Business/Updates & Child Policy & Procedures Discussion:**

Sue Smith, Finance Director, said the current loan balance was \$182,000, up a bit from last reporting. Discussions ensued.

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Aaron Thibault was in attendance to discuss the draft of the Safe Child Policy & Procedures for the Thomaston Opera House to safeguard and protect children from the possibilities of abuse. The Thomaston Opera House will follow these procedures for recruiting and selecting employees and volunteers who will be working with children or youth. These procedures have already been reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police and the town attorney.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to endorse the Safe Child Policy & Procedures as presented by the Thomaston Opera House. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Old Business/Transfer Station Committee/Committee or Commission & New Mission Statement Review:**

The Board feels that the Transfer Station Committee should remain a “committee”, with oversight from the Board of Selectmen as needed. Their mission at this point, of course, will be the timely reopening of the bulky waste portion, overseeing its progress as it goes along.

**Old Business/Reval Review & Discussion:**

First Selectman Mone has a real concern performing a reval with a part-time Assessor who will be leaving as of June 30, 2010. Selectman Mone spoke with both Rep. John Piscopo and Sen. Rob Kane re: possibilities of waiving reval this year. In addition, Selectman Mone also had discussions with the arbitration attorney to see where we stood. He said a decision on this should be coming soon.

**New Business:**

The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund supports a variety of energy efficiency programs that provide financial incentives to help reduce the amount of energy used in businesses. Discussion ensued as to the Town Hall energy audit that was performed by two companies: EL&M (Efficient Lighting and Maintenance – electrical energy audit) and Trane (HVAC aspect of the audit) through CL&P. Total investment of the electrical portion of the audit is \$47,826.46. Utility incentive from CL&P would be equal to 40% of the total investment or \$19,184.03, for a net investment to the town \$28,642.43. Total investment must be approved at town meeting.

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A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to appoint John Piscopo to the Western Tourism District to ensure that Northwest CT is appropriately represented during this transition process and beyond. He will serve on the Bureau's Board of Directors for a 3-year term. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Public Comment:**

Tony Durso asked whether or not the debt owed the Town by the Opera House comes directly out of the general fund. The answer is yes.

Tim Scatena was present and just commented on how the ambulance building must be maintained.

**A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett. With all in favor, motion carries.**