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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009**

**Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

First Selectmen Mone, Selectman Scheppard and Selectman Barrett, Sr. were present. Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant, was in attendance to take the minutes.

**A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to amend the agenda to reflect the addition of the Opera House under "Old Business" and the addition of the Recertification of Thomaston as a STEAP Town under "New Business". Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Board/Commission Appointments:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to appoint Jennifer Pacelli of 143 Pine Hill Road, Thomaston as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Commission replacing Herb LaPlante who resigned for a term ending January 20, 2013. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to reappoint Ron Gunderson of 18 Edwin Lane, Thomaston as a regular member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for another 5-year term ending January 2, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to appoint Jesse Judson of 186 Humiston Circle, Thomaston to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill an alternate vacancy for a term ending January 2, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

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A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to appoint Steven Giordano of 233 Reynolds Bridge Road, Thomaston to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill an alternate vacancy for a term ending January 2, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Tax Refunds:**

None at this time.

**A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to move to Item #6 on the agenda – New Business. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**

**New Business:**

First Selectman Mone had numerous discussions with Sen. Rob Kane and Rep. John Piscopo re: recertifying Thomaston as a STEAP town and the benefits of doing same. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to recertify the Town of Thomaston as a STEAP town. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

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A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. authorizing First Selectman Mone to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Waterbury Transit District Board of Directors to jointly apply for the Municipal Grant Program for Senior and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (CGS 13b-38bb) for the provision of Dial-A-Ride services for FY 2011 (starting July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011). Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

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Nancy LaTour, Director of Payroll and Human Resources and a member of the Pension Committee, was in attendance at the Board meeting to discuss the resolutions adopting the 6<sup>th</sup> amendment to the pension plan. Nancy informed the Board that the Pension Committee met earlier this evening and passed the resolution which is now being given to the Board for their review, discussion and approval. She highlighted some of the features of the plan document with the Board, explaining that the new actuary was just “cleaning house”.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard that:

Whereas, the Employer maintains the Town of Thomaston Retirement Plan (“Plan”); and

Whereas, the Employer has reserved the right to amend the Plan pursuant to Section 8.1 therein; and

Whereas, the Employer has determined that the Plan should be amended with a good faith amendment to bring the Plan into compliance with the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (“PPA”) and the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (“HEART”) by the end of the 2009 Plan Year as required for all qualified plans;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plan be, and it hereby is, amended by the Sixth Amendment substantially in the form attached hereto.

RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers of the Employer be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to take any action and execute any writing they deem necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolutions.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions were duly adopted by the Employer on the date first set forth above and that such resolutions have not been modified or revoked and remain in full force and effect.

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

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Scott Simpson, the Town's Maintenance Coordinator, has accrued 152 ½ hours of time to carryover to next year. He is part of the Sewer Union contract which states he is allowed to carryover all that was accrued. On his anniversary, October 16, 2010, he will earn another 3 weeks of vacation. We need to encourage him to use the 152 ½ hours in 2010 prior to his anniversary date. Carryover of this time granted.

**A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to return to Item #5 on the agenda – Old Business. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.**

**Old Business:**

Aaron Thibault, Thomaston Opera House Commissioner, was in attendance to give an update on the Opera House. Selectman Scheppard wanted to make it clear that he was clearly in support of the Opera House, unlike what was put in the paper last week. We need to show support, he said. We need to get our hands around the operation of the Opera House. Aaron and the other commissioners have done a good job in bringing individual shows into the black. The Town is not in the business of show business – we need to forge a new relationship, allowing the tax payers to decide. Discussions ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. abolishing the separation date that was previously created and set by the previous Board of Selectmen (June 30, 2009) and create a new separation date of December 31, 2010. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. Motion passes 2 to 1.

**Public Comment:**

Wayne Kamens commented that since the last report from the auditors re: Opera House, there have been many positive changes since the new administration started. Selectman Scheppard was at that meeting.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Deborah Bournival.**

