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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010**

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. Selectman Scheppard abstained. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

Old Business/Transfer Station Trailers:

Sal Santa Maria presented a letter from the Transfer Station Committee which met prior to our meeting. The Committee has decided that if the trailer is not delivered to the Transfer Station by December 18, then the offer to take the trailers is off the table.

New Business/2011 Meeting Schedule:

The 2011 DAS (Department of Administrative Services) calendar, which the town follows, was presented for review. The following meeting dates were chosen for the 2011 calendar year (the first and third Tuesday of each month):

Tuesday, January 4
Tuesday, January 18
Tuesday, February 1
Tuesday, February 15
Tuesday, March 1
Tuesday, March 15
Tuesday, April 5
Tuesday, April 19
Tuesday, May 3
Tuesday, May 17
Tuesday, June 7
Tuesday, June 21

Tuesday, July 5
Tuesday, July 19
Tuesday, August 2
Tuesday, August 16
Tuesday, September 6
Tuesday, September 20
Tuesday, October 4
Tuesday, October 18
Tuesday, November 1
Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, December 6
Tuesday, December 20

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectman's Conference Room.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the annual meeting schedule of the Board of Selectmen for 2011 as presented, with all meetings to begin at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Transfer Station-Solid Waste Committee-WeRecycle Agreement:

Pursuant to the Connecticut electronics recycling law (Section 22a-629 through 22a-640 of the CT. General Statutes), the Town is required to provide for the recycling of discarded CED's (covered electronic devices) generated within its boundaries by delivering such CED's to a certified electronics recycler designated by the DEP. WeRecycle, LLC (WRL) is offering a no cost recycling program for the Town for a three-year duration if the e-waste collection agreement is signed. This no cost program entails the collection and recycling of covered electronic devices and non-covered electronic devices as defined by the DEP.

This agreement was originally sent on to our town attorney who reviewed same, making a few minor corrections. After the requested changes have been made, the agreement is ready for signing.

Selectman Scheppard said he has three comments:

1. There is an out clause for WeRecycle, but none for the Town. He said the State has not yet certified companies. If for some reason the State does not certify WeRecycle, we have no out clause.
2. Under the section entitled Compensation for Services/Exclusive Future Arrangement, it states the payment terms as 21 days. That is an odd number because most terms are 30 days or even 45 days.

After further review of the agreement, Selectman Scheppard said strike comment #2.

3. Under the section entitled Collection, Removal and Disposal of Materials (non-conforming matter), it states that at the company's discretion, they can either return the contaminated load to us or we will have to go and get it. Selectman Scheppard feels WeRecycle should return the contaminated load to us, they own it.

First Selectman Mone commented that under the section entitled Term of Agreement & Termination, there is no listed start date and no end date, which was also noted in the town attorney's comments.

First Selectman Mone will have discussions with the town attorney and send back to WeRecycle for updating.

New Business/Small Cities Subordination Agreement-Lamphear:

According to an email message from the Broderick Law Firm, LLC representing Mrs. Jayne Lamphear (Black Rock Grill), Mrs. Lamphear is refinancing her home located in Watertown and needs the loan with the Town of Thomaston to be subordinated to her new loan. The subordination agreement was reviewed by our town attorney. He indicated that the Town will be in second position, which is improving our standing, and advised the Board of Selectmen to authorize the First Selectman to sign the subordination agreement.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard authorizing First Selectman Mone to sign the subordination agreement for Jayne Lamphear. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Vacation Authorization- Dave Shypinka:

Dave Shypinka has requested vacation time from January 1, 2011 to January 5, 2011 so that he may attend his daughter's wedding out of state. All selectmen were in agreement. First Selectman Mone will approve.

New Business/Teen Center Usage:

Recently, we received a request from Mr. Joseph Lopez to use the Teen Center for a music program that would incorporate teenagers and young adults. We will have Mr. Lopez come to our next Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss further.

Also, we had a request from Mr. John Beecher from the local VFW requesting the use of a space in Town Hall to have a display for a particular veteran. First Selectman Mone discussed with our Veteran's Affairs Officer, John DiPesa, who asked if this veteran was killed in action (KIA). First Selectman Mone approached Ken Koval on his thoughts – he feels if you do for one, you need to do for others.

First Selectman Mone said if both the local VFW and the American Legion are in agreement, First Selectman Mone will propose the space for all veterans.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to amend the agenda to add the GWTD (Greater Waterbury Transit District) Memorandum of Understanding. 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 provisions of Dial-A-Ride services for FY 2012 (starting July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012). Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

Board/Commission Appointments-Resignations:

We received a copy of a letter addressed to Matt Stancavage of the Economic Development Commission from Mr. Joseph Hartz who is interested in becoming a member of the EDC. He is listed as an unaffiliated voter.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to appoint Mr. Joseph Hartz to the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Pat Santa Maria to complete the term which expires March 6, 2013. 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 the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$42.42 to Garrett Hazen, overpayment due to reduction of assessment by Board of Assessment Appeals. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

Public Comment:

In attendance at tonight's meeting were Paul Yoos, Tony Durso, Diane LaBonte, Ray Taylor, Tammy Ross and Robby Pizzarelli of Town Times.

Tony Durso commented on the savings from rebonding, the \$238,000, and the ways in which people want to spend it. He said it should only be used to reduce the debt amount, not used for other things. First Selectman Mone said the savings is realized over a 13-year period and it is ultimately the Board of Finance's decision. It will eventually go back into the debt service fund. He said it will cover the legal fees that we have already incurred through the rebonding and the Standards & Poors rating.

Diane LaBonte wants see more clarity and consistency in the budget with reference to the Teacher's Sick Pay Reserve line. She wants to know what the current status of this fund is. Selectman Scheppard agrees there should be a consistent way of presenting the budgets year after year. Diane also feels that the Board of Ed budget should be detailed in the town budget as well.

Paul Yoos commented on the issues he is still having with the P&Z Commission.

Ray Taylor and Tammy Ross commented that safety is #1 priority in town. We need more crew members on the Highway Department and maybe turn some streetlights back on.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.