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THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by First Selectman Maura Martin.

Those present were 1st Selectman Martin, Selectman Jeremiah Scully, Selectman Kenneth Hopkins and Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant, to take the minutes.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2009 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Hopkins to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2009 special meeting. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scully. With all in favor, motion carries.

Board/Commission Appointments:

None at this time.

Tax Refunds:

A motion was made by Selectman Hopkins to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$2,433.26 to Valley Corner LLC, assessment lowered by the Assessor-taxpayer overpaid. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scully. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Hopkins to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,743.23 to Kathy J. Evangelista, account was overpaid. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scully. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to move to Item #6 on the agenda (Action re: General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Town. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

On April 21, 2009, both Sue Costa and Maura received an email from Lisa Gladke of Shipman & Goodwin referencing a need to update the refunding resolution that was approved last year. First, Lisa was concerned with the way the resolution was originally presented on the agenda last year. It should have been a separate item and not clumped with the road improvement resolutions. The attached Refunding Bond Resolution, once approved by the selectmen, will replace the resolution from last year. In addition, the amount has also been updated from \$9,000,000 (last year's figure) to \$10,000,000 this year and includes all remaining maturities of the 1998 and 2005 bonds.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to approve the amended Resolution to Authorize, Issue and Sell Town of Thomaston General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

Selectman Scully later rescinded that motion.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to waive the reading of the amended Resolution to Authorize, Issue and Sell Town of Thomaston General Obligation Refunding Bonds as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to approve the amended Resolution to Authorize, Issue and Sell Town of Thomaston General Obligation Refunding Bonds as presented (attached hereto). Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to move back to Item #5 on the agenda (Review and Action re: Fire Marshal's Report re: Thomaston Opera House). Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

In attendance at the meeting were Scott Simpson, Town Hall Maintenance Coordinator, Robert Norton, Sr., Fire Marshal, Jeff Dunn, Director of Opera House, in addition to Aaron Thibault, Barbara Piscopo, Lucille Killiany and Becky Skinner all of the Thomaston Opera House Commission.

Both the fire marshal and the maintenance coordinator inspected all levels of the Town Hall facility on February 12, 2009. Discussion of the fire marshal's report ensued and is hereto attached.

Most of the areas of concern have been addressed and corrected, with the exception of the following:

Alarm System:

Voice evacuation system says “**Fire**” – “**Fire**”, it should say “**Emergency, there is a fire in the building**”. Scott will look into with the alarm company to see what voice messages are available.

Level 2 – Opera House/Little Theater:

The stage door will not connect to magnetic device, the stage is in need of a railing, the step riser extends to far out into walkway and there is a wall blocking stage exit. It was requested that the building official inspect these areas and give his recommendations.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to have the building official inspect the youth theater and platform. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

Level 2 – Police Department:

The dispatch room sliding glass window is not allowed per code. This room needs to be totally encapsulated. If there were ever a fire in town hall, dispatch would be able to conduct business until the fire department arrived. Chief Torrence will be notified of this and be required to have it removed.

Level 4 & 5 – Opera House:

There are many issues that need to be addressed. They are:

- Piano - not allowed in egress hallway. This has already been moved.
- Tables for gifts in the back of the theater should not be in egress side – need to be moved.
- Balcony - extension cords around ceiling to a temporary light fixture need to be removed.
- Stage – there is no railing on platform overlooking stage. The door that leads to the platform is padlocked.
- Loft – needs housekeeping of combustibles.
- Drop light was up against wood – was very hot. This has already been moved.
- Hoisting ropes are either on or hitting the sprinkler pipes – modifications to this hoisting system need to be addressed.
- Hallway needs to be kept clean and accessible, including the area to the right side of staircase.
- Doorway to make-up room cannot be opened to the magnetic device. Area needs to be free and clear of all items.

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- Woodshop doorway blocked open, keeping doors from closing.
- Attic – nothing can be resting against the sprinkler pipes.

The fire marshal and the maintenance coordinator will work with Jeff to make sure that all items are completed.

Old Business:

The selectmen were looking for information on the status of the superintendent/clerk of the works that will be hired to oversee the continuation of the road improvements program. First Selectman Martin will follow up with Paul Pronovost.

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The selectmen wanted to know the status of the First Selectman's benefits package. First Selectman Martin will put on the agenda for the next meeting.

New Business:

Wayne Kamens of the Ambulance Commission was present to give an update on the Ambulance building roof. After much investigation and with the help of the maintenance coordinator, the problem turned out to be the old boots that were causing the leak, not the roof itself. High dektite boots need to be installed to solve this problem, with a cost of approximately \$696.00.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to authorize up to \$1,000 to install high dektite boots if money is available in the EMS account. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

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Also, the HVAC unit that sits on a slab outside the Ambulance building is in disrepair and is in need of work. The unit cannot be operated until it is fixed and "leveled". A brand new unit would cost in the range of \$40,000. A quote in the amount of \$1,175.00 was received from East Coast Sheet Metal to install duct work and level the slab.

A motion was made by Selectman Scully to authorize the Ambulance Commission to spend the \$1,175.00 to have East Coast Sheet Metal repair the HVAC duct work, plus materials, if the money is available in the EMS account. Motion was seconded by Selectman Hopkins. With all in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment:

None at this time.

**A motion was made by Selectman Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m.
Motion was seconded by Selectman Scully. With all in favor, motion carries.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Deborah Bournival, Administrative Assistant to
the First Selectman.**