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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011**

**Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries. Selectman Scheppard abstains.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2011 special meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2011 special meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

**Old Business:**

None at this time.

**New Business/Certified Resolution for CDBG Grant/Small Cities:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. that:

**WHEREAS**, federal monies are available under the Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, 42 U.S.C. § 5301, et. seq., as amended, also known as Public Law 93-383, and administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Economic and Community Development as the Connecticut Small Cities Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized disburse such federal monies to local municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Thomaston make an application to the State for \$300,000 in order to undertake and carryout a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE** Board of Selectmen:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of the CGS,
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by Town of Thomaston in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 is hereby approved and that First Selectman Edmond V. Mone is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions and revisions thereto, to carryout approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of Town of Thomaston.

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

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**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. that:

**WHEREAS**, all persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

**WHEREAS**, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**WHEREAS,** Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

**WHEREAS,** The **Town of Thomaston** is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Town of Thomaston hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to insure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase and obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

That the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Thomaston or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practices in the Town of Thomaston and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services or other fair housing organizations to protect his/her right to equal housing opportunities.

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

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**FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. that:

It is the policy of the Town of Thomaston to promote fair housing opportunities and to encourage racial and economic integration in all its programs and housing development activities.

Programs funded and administered by the Town of Thomaston must comply with the provisions of Section 46a-64c of the C.G.S. and with related state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit discriminatory housing practices.

The Town of Thomaston or any sub-recipient of the Town of Thomaston will carry out an affirmative marketing program to attract prospective buyers or tenants of all majority or minority groups, without consideration of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, creed, sexual orientation, marital status, lawful source of income, disability, age or because the individual has children in all programs and housing development activities funded or administered by the Town of Thomaston.

The municipality's First Selectman's Office is responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this policy. The First Selectman may be reached at 860-283-4421 or [emone@thomastonct.org](mailto:emone@thomastonct.org).

Complaints pertaining to discrimination in any program funded or administered by the Town of Thomaston may be filed with the First Selectman's Office. The municipality's Grievance Procedure will be utilized in these cases.

Complaints also may be filed with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunity, Special Enforcement Unit, 21 Grand Street, Hartford, CT 06106, Telephone (860) 541-3403.

A copy of this policy statement will be given annually to all Town of Thomaston employees and they are expected to fully comply with it. In addition, a copy will be posted throughout the Town of Thomaston.

Revised: April 5, 2011.

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

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### **COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. that:

The Town of Thomaston does not discriminate in the provision of services, the administration of its programs, or contractual agreements. The Town of Thomaston seeks to fully carry out its responsibilities under the Title VI Regulations.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Title VI provides that No person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs covered by the Regulations.

This policy is effectuated through the methods of administration outlined in the Town of Thomaston's Fair Housing Plan and is fully implemented to ensure compliance by the Town of Thomaston, as the recipient, and by sub-recipients. The cooperation of all personnel is required.

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

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### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to waive the entire reading (too lengthy) and attach hereto and approve the Affirmative Action Policy Statement. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **New Business/Resolution to Bond for WPCA Upgrades:**

First Selectman Mone indicated that this is for the appropriation of \$725,000 for the upgrade to the town WPCA facility to meet phosphorus effluent limits, possibly bonding for same. We will take up after the Board of Finance has a chance to review and take up at their next regular

meeting. They need to approve then send to Board of Selectmen to make the call for town meeting.

### **New Business/Authorization to Sign Municipal Pole Attachment Agreement:**

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard authorizing First Selectman Mone to sign on behalf of the Town a Municipal Pole Attachment Agreement with CL&P. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **Board/Commission Appointments & Resignations:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to appoint Alan Pfaefflin to the Historical Commission to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Ken Santopietro to complete the term from October 1, 2008 to October 1, 2012. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **Tax Refunds:**

**A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to add one additional tax refund to the agenda – Natalie Perugini. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$11.12 to Natalie Perugini, taxpayer did not live in Thomaston on assessment date. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,740.89 to Corelogic (CMS), bank and homeowner paid January installment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$160.80 to Ally Financial (formerly known as GMAC), vehicle was sold in March, 2010 – adjustment done which resulted in overpayment. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$84.10 to James Bliga, Assessor corrected bills – moved to Waterbury and should have not paid Thomaston. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **Public Comment:**

In attendance at tonight's meeting were Paul & Christine Yoos and Robby Piazzarolli/Town Times.

Paul Yoos spoke to Gary Pelletier of Pelletier Mechanical Services re: the Thomaston Opera House boiler. He indicated that the Opera House boiler is separate from the Town Hall's and that a gas meter can be attached to the Opera House boiler in order to track usage. He also indicated that Yankee Gas would install at no cost. First Selectman Mone said he would be surprised if Yankee Gas installed at no cost and would have to investigate further.

Paul asked that the Board of Selectmen make a recommendation to the Opera House Commission to go forward with the separation of boilers and add a gas meter. First Selectman Mone will follow up with Ken Koval.

Christine indicated that she saw an article in the paper that said Sharon Wilcox was directing a play in Goshen. Christine wanted to know if she was still collecting unemployment. First Selectman Mone will follow up with Sue Smith.

**A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**