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**THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011**

**Roll Call:**

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

First Selectman Mone and Selectman Barrett, Sr. were present. Selectman Scheppard was not in attendance. 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 April 19, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

**Old Business/Barter Vehicle for Services Update:**

Barter agreement was withdrawn. Discussion ensued as to what to do with vehicle. Paul wants to put out to bid – waiting for paperwork before proceeding.

**New Business/Naugatuck River Greenway Cleanup:**

Peter Kisselburgh, committee member, was in attendance to report on the Five Town Greenway Cleanup event scheduled for Saturday, May 14 at lower end of Summit Corporation.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the Five Town Greenway Naugatuck River cleanup on May 14, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Naugatuck River at the vicinity of Summit Corporation in the Town of Thomaston put on by the Greenway Committee. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

**New Business/Town Hall Evacuation Policy:**

Policy was developed by Ken Koval and the Safety Committee. It was presented to the Board by First Selectman Mone. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the Town Hall Evacuation Policy updated April 12, 2011. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

**New Business/RFP for Town-wide Engineering Services:**

Paul Pronovost was in attendance to discuss RFP. The purpose of the RFP is to select a consultant to serve as the Town's "on-call" engineer for a period of three (3) years providing engineering services for Highway Department, WPCA, Planning and Zoning and IWWC. Planning and Zoning as well as IWWC reviewed RFP and approved of content.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the RFP and subsequent advertising of same. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

**New Business/Annual Report from EDC:**

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the annual report given by the EDC and accepted.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to accept EDC's annual report as presented. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

**A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to amend the agenda to include under "New Business" the ADA Transition Plan. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With 2-0.**

**New Business/ADA Transition Plan:**

First Selectman Mone presented plan. Discussion ensued. Plan will also be presented to the Board of Finance due to financial implications.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve ADA Transition Plan for the Town of Thomaston. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

**A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to move forward on the agenda to Board/Commisison Appointments. Seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.**

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

None at this time.

### **Tax Refunds:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to approve the tax refund submitted by the Tax Collector in the amount of \$50.94 to CAB East LLC, vehicle sold, Assessor prorated. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

### **Returned to regular agenda – New Business/Road Improvements.**

#### **New Business/Road Improvements Discussion:**

Discussions as to changing costs of seven year budget plan. Original road construction plan design as developed in 2007 included the assumption that drainage work would be done in-house. This assumption proved to be incorrect which resulted in cost overruns of \$278,572.00 to date, with an estimated overrun for the total project of \$1,580,072. Other unanticipated costs to date include inspections of \$12,686, prevailing wage expenses of \$48,731, buried stumps at Bayberry Drive of \$67,161, design requirements per ARRA grant for Old Northfield Road of \$47,856 and a coding error of \$14,791 related to Bridge Street and Elm Street projects. Additional expenses that will cause the project to cost significantly more than originally authorized include a 5% contingency for change orders for \$472,025 and anticipated escalation in asphalt costs of \$1,386,100, for grand total of \$3,629,422.

First Selectman Mone inquired of Paul Pronovost as to other potential costs related to roads and road maintenance relative to town-aid road money and potential use thereof. Paul responded that Hickory Hill Road would require approximately \$510,000, Ridgewood Acres approximately \$110,000 and Clay Street, which he indicated would require patching and surface treatment pricing of materials and service as of yet unavailable. Pothole repair cost approximately \$8,000/year. The general conclusion was that town-aid road money would be insufficient to be utilized to build roads at this time. It should be used for pothole repairs and for other maintenance of existing roads.

Engineering proposal by BL Companies was presented. Discussion ensued. First Selectman Mone will follow up with further discussion with engineer to seek clarification.

Future road plans as presented by First Selectman Mone utilizing a financial analysis created by Sue Smith was discussed. Three scenarios exist:

Option 1 - finish the project as originally presented. Additional authorization needed for this option is \$3,653,823.

Option 2 – remove web areas from the scope. Additional authorization needed for this option is \$1,596,119.

Current cost for web is \$2,057,704 but does not include sewer estimate at this time.

Option 3 – reduce scope and only do worst roads. No additional authorization needed for this option.

Discussion ensued and Selectman Barrett, Sr. moved that the Board of Selectmen support Option 2 of the plan. First Selectman Mone seconded. Further discussion ensued. First Selectman Mone recommended that Selectman Barrett, Sr. rescind his motion due to lack of defined costs relative to engineering as well as additions of Hickory Hill and Clay Streets, which Selectman Mone suggested should be included in project. Selectman Barrett, Sr. rescinded his motion and First Selectman Mone rescinded his second and the matter was tabled for future discussion.

**Public Comment:**

In attendance at tonight's meeting were Robby Piazzarolli/Town Times, Tony Durso, Diane Labonte, Cynthia Doyle, Christine Yoos, Dave LaManna and Dave Colavecchio.

Diane Labonte observed CL&P, after making triangle utility cuts in the road for repairs, patched with a product that seems to last for years. Why can't the town use this product when patching potholes? She suggested looking into.

Christine Yoos commented on the ADA compliant issues, specifically, wheelchair accessibility at the Fire Department. She suggested the Fire Department have a smaller wheelchair available inside the facility that would be capable of moving through the referenced hallway.

Tony Durso asked for an update on the State budget. First Selectman Mone indicated that the Senate had approved the budget and that it was currently before the House to vote on. First Selectman Mone explained that the Governor needs to secure \$2 billion in labor concessions, but, if he doesn't secure these concessions, we speculate he may take back the MME credit from the towns.

Tony further inquired as to what would happen if the town passed its budget and then the State pulled the MME credits. First Selectman Mone said we have the language (legal) to deal with that.

Cindy Doyle wanted to know which roads were part of the web. First Selectman Mone indicated they are:

High Street, Judson Street, Woodruff Avenue, Walnut Street, Bradstreet, Dudley Street, George Street, Tracy Street, and Williams Street. In addition, Hillside Avenue, Gilbert Street, Union Street and Center Street.

She also indicated that in the process of installing sidewalks in front of her home a few years ago, the contractor replaced the dirt they removed with dirt that was full of rocks and pieces of asphalt. What are they going to do about that? Paul said the contractor will take care of this – its on their punch list.

Dave LaManna wanted to know if we go out to bid on snow removal or do we just give that job to a local concern. Paul indicated that he received three bids for this work.

**Executive Session – Legal Matters:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to go into executive session at 9:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to come out of executive session at 9:27 p.m. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. that the Board move forward with the labor attorney's recommendation as presented to settle the grievance with the Highway Department. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.

**A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Mone. With all in favor, motion carries 2-0.**