



## Town of Thomaston

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## THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 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 July 19, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 special meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

### Old Business/Road Improvement Plan Update:

First Selectman Mone read an update provided by Paul Pronovost as to roads completed as of August 2.

Blakeman Road is completed except for backfilling of curbing and installation of up-to-date guard railing system

Prospect Street is nearly complete. The final course from #107 to East Main Street needs to be applied along with more curbing and driveway apron repairs, along with backfill of curbing.

Broadview Heights, the drainage has been completed and we are just waiting for the core sample report to come back from the engineers.

**Jackson Street**, the drainage work is continuing.

**Pleasant Street** has been milled and the first course has been applied.

As of today's date, August 2, 2011, the total amount of funds spent is \$5,286,705.32, with a remaining balance of \$5,539,250.77.

According to Mike Fisher of BL Companies, they are currently working on the Valley View construction drawings and should have construction drawings ready to go out to bid sometime next week.

**New Business/Approval of Track Committee Expenditures:**

According to Tracy Decker, our Finance Director, the Track Committee currently has \$7,759.67 in their account. They would like the Board to approve the following invoices:

U.S. Graphics (T-shirts) in the amount of	\$1,080.00
Reimburse Joyce Olsen (trophies/awards)	\$ 439.80
Reimburse Julie Voigt (box of Joe/coffee)	<u>\$ 28.69</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,548.49</b>

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to approve \$1,548.49 to be taken from the Track Committee account. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**New Business/Employee Insurance Settlement:**

This is for an old worker's compensation/heart & hypertension claim with Kris Nelson. As part of past executive session discussions among the Board of Selectmen, it was agreed to settle the claim with a payout of \$15,000, of which \$7,500 will come from the Town's insurance carrier (CIRMA) and \$7,500 from the Town.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to recommend to the Board of Finance to settle the heart & hypertension claim with Kris Nelson. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

**New Business/Call for Town Meeting re: WPCA Effluent Upgrade/Bonding and IWWC/Conservation Commission:**

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. for a resolution to recommend an appropriation of \$725,000 for the upgrade to the Town Water Pollution Control Facility to meet phosphorus effluent limits and a bond authorization in an amount not to exceed \$725,000 to finance said appropriation. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

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

The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Thomaston, Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Lena Morton Art Gallery of the Town Hall, 158 Main Street, Thomaston, on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, 7:00 p.m., for a Special Town Meeting for the following purposes:

1. As recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, to consider and act on a Resolution:

- (a) To appropriate \$725,000 for the upgrade to the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility to meet phosphorus effluent limits;
- (b) To finance said appropriation by issuing the Town's bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$725,000;
- (c) To authorize the First Selectman and Treasurer to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes;
- (d) To take actions under applicable Internal Revenue Service regulations to allow the Town to issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes on a tax-exempt basis;
- (e) To authorize the First Selectman and other Town officials to contract with vendors and apply for grants for the project and to take all other actions necessary to complete the project and issue the bonds, notes or temporary notes to finance the appropriation.

A copy of the full text of the Resolution is on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk.

2. To act on an Ordinance Designating the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission as the Conservation Commission of the Town of Thomaston.

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

**Board/Commission Appointments:**

It was suggested by the Fire Commission that Ken Koval fill the vacancy left by the passing of Jimmy Wilson until the next election.

A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to appoint Ken Koval to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Jimmy Wilson until the next election. 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 \$327.12 to Pasquale Demarco, Assessor deleted bill, bill should not have been paid. Motion was seconded by Selectman Scheppard. With all in favor, motion carries.

### **Communications:**

First Selectman Mone received a letter along with a deposit check from Joan Batten requesting the use of the gazebo in Kenea Park for a wedding ceremony. It was brought to the attention of the First Selectman that the Chief of Police did not feel comfortable signing the permit. He felt there might be an issue with parking the horse and carriage either on Rt. 6 (a state road) or on Fr. McGiviney Way, blocking the flow of traffic during church service at 4:00 p. Discussion ensued. The Board tabled until the next meeting. Selectman Barrett, Sr. will talk to Chief Torrence and then to Father at St. Thomas Church to see if other arrangements can be made for parking the horse and carriage. First Selectman Mone suggested that Joan could possibly make arrangements with Seaborne & Malley to use their parking lot.

### **Public Comment:**

In attendance at tonight's meeting were Christine Yoos, Jim Taylor (filling in for Robby Pizzaroli) and Joe Fainer.

**A motion was made by Selectman Scheppard to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.**