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**THOMASTON BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015**

**Present:**

George Seabourne, Mike Madow and Tom Duffany were only members in attendance, therefore, no quorum/only discussions this evening took place. Tracy Decker-Finance Director, First Selectman Ed Mone and members of the community.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

No pledge.

**Approval of Minutes:**

No approval of minutes.

**New Business/Discussion of Lease-Purchase of Two Police Vehicles:**

Chief Campbell indicated to the board that the Police Department would be leasing two new 2015/2016 Ford Interceptor AWD utility cruisers using money from the police cruiser account, which currently has about \$50,000 in it. This money comes directly from officers who are hired to do extra duty work for outside contractors and who are paid directly by these contractors. A portion of the administrative fees the Town receives goes into this account which can see anywhere between \$10,000 to \$12,000/year. Right now, the department has enough to pay for the first two years (annual lease payment of \$25,180.08).

These newer cruisers will replace the older Interceptors in the fleet (2013) which we have been having a lot of problems with (which problems are seen across the country in other departments).

**New Business/Authorize the Sale of Miscellaneous Equipment/Vehicles by Highway Dept:**

Glenn Clark, Highway Superintendent, presented.

Glenn indicated to the Board that he has the following items to sell.

2002 Ford F150 Minibus  
2002 Dodge Durango  
2003 Dodge Durango (runs w/51,000 miles)  
1997 Ford diesel pickup truck (originally owned by Parks & Rec)  
2006 Crown Vic (runs w/131,022 miles)  
1989 Wheelhorse mower

He will either sell on Property Room.com website or another auction site, whichever gives him the best deal. Chairman Seabourne would like him to advertise and get bids. When sold, all revenue will go into the "General Fund".

**Old Business/Report on the Greenway Trail and Request for Funding:**

Will Cummings, Chairman of the Greenway Committee; Chuck Berger, Co-Chairman of the Watertown Greenway Committee and Aaron Budris, Regional Planner/GIS Specialist for NVCOG were in attendance to present.

Back in 2010, there was a routing study done (AITA) study. In 2013, Thomaston partnered with Watertown to submit a grant application to the DEEP which was prepared by the National Park Service. Thomaston's portion of the grant is for \$155,000 which hopefully will be accepted at a special town meeting scheduled for August 26. Thomaston will fund up to \$40,000 in in-kind services. NVCOG will be administering the grant. Watertown will receive \$75,000 which will be for the critical design elements for their portion.

Watertown will begin the first phase of the project which will encompass a 2.3 mile section starting from Frost Bridge to Branch Brook in Thomaston. Thomaston's piece, an approximate 2,000 foot section, will begin at the South end of the Transfer Station, around the WPCA complex and then down to the old stone trolley bridge near Branch Brook which will then connect with the Watertown piece. Due to the age of the trolley bridge, the Greenway Committee would like to get it on the State's Historic Registry which would give them the opportunity to apply for more funding.

The Greenway Committee will begin their first fundraiser soon which will be to sell a calendar which depicts carriage houses across town. This should generate approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000 of income.

Uniform signage will be done with a recreational grant.

A special Board of Finance meeting will be scheduled for next week to make the approvals.

**Communications** – none.

**Financial Director's Report** – none.

**Member Comment:**

Tom Duffany wanted the Greenway Committee to know they appreciate all the work they have done up to this point on the Greenway trails.

Chairman Seabourne indicated that the Board has not yet received the monthly report from the BOE. He is sure they are just finishing up on last year's budget, but is happy they are keeping up.

Mike Madow is happy that Watertown is committed to the Greenway.

**Public Comment:**

Diane Labonte – if we can commit to Nystrom's (\$75,000), we can commit to the Greenway (\$40,000 in in-kind services).

First Selectman Mone indicated wanted to give an update on Nystrom's Park/Track Project. He indicated that Mike Burr has been the clerk of the works, spending many hours daily overseeing the project. Plantings will be going in in September. Ed spoke to Marty Egan who will get together with all involved on the Recreation Commission. It has been asked that cameras be added at the park for security reasons.

