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THOMASTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

Roll Call:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to approve the meeting minutes of the December 15, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/ESCO Energy Services Company Presentation – LED Streetlights:

Jack Hanley of ESCO Energy Services gave a power point presentation on a comprehensive acquisition and LED conversion of the Town's streetlights to state-of-the-art LED technology. ESCO is one of the oldest and only lighting retrofit companies based in New England. They are one of three CCM-qualified companies to work with Eversource.

They presented two project options for our consideration; one that is engineered without lighting controls and the other option with lighting controls. Total gross project costs for the option without lighting controls was \$278,753 and for the one with lighting controls it was \$338,123, minus rebates. Both had an annual savings of \$57,106, which included \$18,029 in annual energy savings and \$39,077 in annual maintenance savings. Payback for the one without lighting controls was 4.1 years and payback for the one with lighting controls was 5.2 years.

ESCO works with top-tier LED streetlight products and manufacturers such as Apollo, Philips,, Cree, GE, Leoteck and Holophane.

LED's are warrantied for 10-15 years.

Copy of power presentation attached.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to move forward on the agenda to “Old Business/Greenway Trail Discussions”. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business/Greenway Trail Discussions:

Will Cummings, Chairman of Greenway Committee; Mark Neilson of COG and Transfer Station members Sal Santa Maria, Dennis David, Glenn Clark and Jeff Sales were in attendance for discussion.

Mark Neilson presented. There have been some critical design issues with the Thomaston/Watertown piece and the trolley bridge. There might be some alternative options as the trolley bridge is in disrepair. One alternative would be to cross the brook further north, but still need to see which is most cost effective. The grant will pay for the design and building of the Thomaston portion, in addition to in-kind services (this meeting qualifies for in-kind).

Will indicated that the bridge is the last piece of evidence of a workable trolley system in town. It is a part of history. The engineers would have to give us their assessment of the condition and cost of repairing. It would be paid for out of the grant money.

Dennis presented a map with an alternative route on the other side of the river. He also indicated that there is a well head that belongs to Whyco and is part of the existing trail. This might be a problem.

Sal told the Board that the Transfer Station Committee was never informed about the fence that would be constructed next to the Transfer Station.

Will wanted to know what was happening with the Envirite site. First Selectman Mone said he has been in contact with the president.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to authorize COG to proceed with engineering services for the project. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to move back to “New Business/ Road Excavation Permit Regulations Ordinance/Revisions & Approval. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to approve the amendment of the Thomaston Code 315, Road Excavation Permit Regulations Ordinance, revising the days, times and location of obtaining a road excavation permit to the Building & Land Use Office (not the First Selectman's Office), increasing the new surface excavation moratorium from one to five years (except for emergency work) and revising new contractor insurance requirements for general liability, workers' compensation, commercial auto and certificates of insurance naming the Town of Thomaston. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Driveway Ordinance/Revisions & Approval:

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to approve the amendment of the Thomaston Code 142, Driveways Ordinance, revising the ordinance by increasing the driveway permit fee from \$10 to \$25 and increasing the penalty from \$90 to \$90 per day for each day of violation of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Assessor Ordinance/Revisions & Approval:

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to approve the amendment of the Thomaston Code 7, Assessor Ordinance, by revising the appointment and qualifications of the Assessor to comply with C.G.S. Section 7-100k. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

New Business/Senior Minibus Usage for Special Trips:

First Selectman Mone explained that the seniors would like to utilize the bus for special trips within Connecticut. First Selectman Mone told them they would have to fund the trips, which would include the driver's salary and bus mileage (this would be part of the per ticket price). Tracy would set up a revenue line for all ticket money collected.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault authorizing the seniors to utilize the bus for special trips as long as they fund the full cost of each trip themselves. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

Old Business/Call for Town Meeting re: Ordinances:

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 that the Annual Town Meeting will be held in the Lena Morton Art Gallery of the Thomaston Town Hall, 158 Main Street, Thomaston, Connecticut, on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

- 1. To act upon an Ordinance Amending Thomaston Code Chapter 7 Assessor.*
- 2. To act upon an Ordinance Amending Thomaston Code Chapter 142 Driveways.*

3. To act upon an Ordinance Amending Thomaston Code Chapter 315, Road Excavation Permit Regulations.

4. To act upon an Ordinance Regulating Adult Oriented Businesses.

5. To act upon a Resolution to Approve Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (“C-Pace”) Agreement.

Copies of the Ordinances, Resolution and Agreement are available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk.

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

Old Business/Adopt New Credit Card Policy:

Minor changes were made as requested in a previous Board of Selectman meeting.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to approve the Credit Card Policy as amended and presented. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to move forward on the agenda to “Board/Commission Appointments/Resignations”. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

We received notification from Mary Gloade dated January 15, 2016 that she wishes to resign as the current Municipal Agent for Elderly, effective immediately.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to accept the resignation of Mary Gloade as Municipal Agent for Elderly, effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

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A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to appoint Mary Ann Martin the new Municipal Agent for Elderly for a two-year term, effective from the time she is sworn in. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

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A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to reappoint Robin Capone as a regular member to the Inland Wetlands Watercourse Commission (IWWC) for another five-year term ending January 20, 2021. 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 \$16.82 to Raymond San Angelo, moved after payment made, now Waterbury bill Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. 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 \$73.65 to Raymond San Angelo, moved after payment made, now Waterbury bill. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. 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 \$473.17 to Arbresha Ismaili. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. 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 \$83.00 to Patricia Myers-Blade, overpaid account. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

Communication:

First Selectman Mone received a letter from a resident with concerns about streetlights on his street.

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A letter was received in the First Selectman’s office re: electrical transmission line upgrade in Thomaston area (named Frost Bridge-Campville 115-kV Transmission Project). This project is needed to bring the electric supply system in Northwest Connecticut into compliance with national and regional reliability standards. Some Thomaston property owners are located near the proposed project. Eversource will be applying to the CT Siting Council for this project and the reason for this letter.

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We received a letter from a resident about the wonderful services provided by Elizabeth Dobos and the Thomaston Social Service Dept. A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. instructing Vinni Carey of our HR Department to put a copy of this letter in Elizabeth Dobo’s personnel file. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment – none.

Executive Session/Personnel Matter:

A motion was made by Selectman Barrett, Sr. to go into executive session at 9:04 p.m. inviting in Glenn Clark, Highway Superintendent, and Vinni Carey, HR/Payroll Manager. Motion was seconded by Selectman Perreault. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to come out of executive session at 9:28 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault authorizing Glenn Clark to offer a temporary full-time position to Tyler Geddes until August 31, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.

A motion was made by Selectman Perreault to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Barrett, Sr. With all in favor, motion carries.